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McKEAN COUNTY FAIR BREAKS NEARLY EVEN

Friday Was The Only Real Good Day of The Four.

ALL PREMIUMS PAID ON FRIDAY

High School Field Day Events Were One of the Best Attractions—Eldred Won the Field Day Honors Easily—Thursday Drew Large Crowd Despite Bad Weather—Only One Harness Race Pulled Off.

One of the biggest surprises of the McKean County Fair and Races is the fact that the management is going to come out about even this year—in fact their loss will be less than $300. With three out of the four days bad, everybody thought that the association would receive another severe blow, but Secretary Rice assures us that the receipts will nearly, if not quite, cover the expenses and therefore the association will be in good shape for the next year.

This pleasing condition is due to the fact that expenses were kept down to the lowest possible point, together with a new ticket system which prevented more than one getting in on a single ticket. Heretofore the passout checks have been worked in such a way that many who attended the fair did not help swell the gate receipts, but the new system has stopped that leakage.

Despite the threatening skies a big crowd gathered in town on Thursday and by two o'clock the grounds were pretty well filled. The racing was expected to start by this time, but the political speakers who were supposed to start spellbinding by noon were delayed, presumably waiting for the crowd, and they took up nearly all the time until about four o'clock when a pouring rain put an end to the sport. Many people were dissatisfied with this political interference with their sport, but we trust this has been a lesson to the fair managers and therefore we will refrain from making any further criticism, feeling that hereafter the McKean County Fair will not be used for the advancement of political schemes to the detriment of the real purpose of the fair.

The following races were given during the week:

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25.

½-mile Run. Purse $150.

Hilton Chief	1	1	
Fannie	2	2	
Beatrice H	4	3	
Highball	3	4	

Time: 54, 53¼.

(Last heat of this race finished Friday.)

THURSDAY.

Free-For-All. Purse $300.

Tom C	1	1	1
White Sox	2	2	2
Red Eagle	4	3	4
McScuff	3	4	3

Time: 2:33¼; 2:33; 2:32¼.

(Last two heats of this race finished Friday.)

FRIDAY.

Farmers' Race.

Mountain Maid	1	1	
Jack Diamond	2	3	
Minnie B	3	2	

Time: 1:38; 1:35.

½-mile Run. Purse $150.

Hilton Chief	1	2	1
Fannie	4	1	2
Beatrice H.	2	3	
Highball	3	4	

Time: 53; 52½; 51¼.

(On the last heat of the last race the driver of Hilton Chief crowded the ribbon of Fannie so close to the fence that she was obliged to pull back and take the outside course before the first turn was reached, and at that, Fannie was only a nose behind at the finish. Nearly every one who saw the race thought Fannie would be given the heat and race on account of interference, and when Judge Whittaker passed up this raw piece of work and let the race, the lovers of clean sport were rather indignant.

The High School Field day meet held on Friday held a prominent place of interest in the events of the last day of the fair. The meet was won by Eldred high school, which had 40 points. Mt. Jewett took second place with 31 points, Kane third with 17, Smethport fourth with 12 and Port Allegany failed to score. Four county records were broken, viz: The pole vault record, 8 feet 6 inches, made by Day of Smethport and Scull of Mt. Jewett last year, was raised to 8 feet 7 inches by Britton of Eldred, and the running high jump record of 1911, 4 feet 10½ inches, made by Nichols of Kane and Cleveland of Mt. Jewett, was broken by C. Nichols of Kane and Dane of Mt. Jewett, who tied on 4 feet 11 inches.

The official score card bears the following record:

Four-mile run: 1st, Stickman, of Eldred; 2nd, Kohn of Smethport; 3rd, Wolcott, of Eldred; 4th, Young of Mt. Jewett; 5th, Bissell, of Kane. Time, 25 minutes, 29 seconds.

Hundred-yard dash: 1st, Cleveland, of Mt. Jewett; 2nd, H. McFall, of Eldred; 3rd, Gillis, of Kane. Time 11⅛ seconds.

Running broad jump: 1st, Wilson, of Mt. Jewett; 2nd, Tuohy, of Eldred; 3rd, Cleveland, of Mt. Jewett. Distance, 16 feet 11 inches.

Half-mile run: 1st, Bovard, of Kane; 2nd, Lilgendahl, of Smethport; 3rd, Williams, of Eldred. Time, 2:24.

Pole Vault: 1st, Britton, of Eldred; 2nd, Wolcott, of Eldred; 3rd, Anderson, of Kane. Height, 8 feet 7 inches.

Hurdle race: 1st, Whalen, of Mt. Jewett; 2nd, Workley, of Smethport; 3rd, H. McFall, of Eldred. Time 17½ seconds.

Shot put: 1st, Gillis, of Kane; 2nd, Cleveland, of Mt. Jewett; 3rd, Kaufmann, of Eldred. Distance, 33 feet 6½ inches.

Half-mile relay: 1st, Stickman, of Eldred; 2nd, Cleveland, of Mt. Jewett; 3rd, Lilgendahl, of Smethport. Time, 4:11.

Running high jump: 1st, C. Nicholas, of Kane, and Dane, of Mt. Jewett; 3rd, Britton, of Eldred. Height, 4 feet 11 inches.

Quarter-mile run: 1st, H. McFall, of Eldred; 2nd, Cleveland, of Mt. Jewett; 3rd, Tuohy, of Eldred. Time 60½ seconds.

One feature that pleased the exhibitors was the fact that every premium was paid by check Friday afternoon as they left the grounds. The total amount paid, not including the $100.00 set aside for the High School premiums and prizes, was $1,076.20.

The parade of premium winning stock was unusually good and pleased a large crowd.

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JOHN GARDNER DEAD.

Aged Smethport Man Passed Away Last Night at Wellsville Sanatarium.

John Gardner, a well-known Smethport man, passed away at the Wellsville, N. Y., Sanatarium, where he has been receiving treatment for some time past, at about 11 o'clock last evening. For several days he had been in a serious condition and his daughter, Mrs. Thomas A. Morrison, was with him at the time of his death.

His remains will be brought here to-day and taken to the home of Hon. Thomas A. Morrison on West Main street, where private funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. W. E. Van Dyke officiating, and his remains will be laid at rest in Rose Hill cemetery. Friends of the late Mr. Gardner are invited to attend the funeral. A more complete obituary will appear in our next issue.

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We wish to express our sincere thanks to our neighbors and other friends for their many acts of kindness to us in our bereavement, occasioned by the death of Leo K. Moore, and for the beautiful flowers sent in his memory.

Mrs. J. J. Moore and Family.

Colesville, Pa.

DR. H. E. WHEELER

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MRS. O. D. HOWELL A SUICIDE.

Highly Respected Bradford Woman Ends Her Life on Tuesday.

Wednesday's Bradford Era says: Despondent and tired of suffering from illness, Mrs. Margaret Howell, wife of Ortille D. Howell, of No. 585 East Main street, ended her life yesterday afternoon by cutting her throat with a razor. Her lifeless body was found later by her two daughters in the attic of the Howell home.

Mrs. Howell had been ill for many months and but recently had been a patient at the Bradford hospital where she underwent a surgical operation. She was able to be up and about the house at intervals and yesterday afternoon left her bedroom and entered the kitchen commenting on the fruit which was being canned by her daughters. She soon left the kitchen and the daughters supposed that she had gone to her bedroom.

About 5 o'clock it was discovered that the sick woman was not in her bedroom and a search was instituted. The two daughters searched the lower floors of the house and even went to the barn. Not finding their mother, the two young ladies went to the attic, on the third floor and there were horrified to find the body of their mother lying on the floor, her head resting on a small roll of carpet. There was a pool of blood about the body.

Neighbors were summoned and Dr. Haines was called. The physician found that the woman had been dead for some time. Mrs. Howell had used a razor and had slashed her throat and her left wrist. She had apparently cut her wrist before deciding to cut her throat as there was blood about the stairs leading to the attic. The wound in the throat was almost from ear to ear and very deep.

Mr. Howell was at work on an oil lease drilling when he was notified of the tragic death of his wife. He was brought to his home in Dr. C. M. Brooks' automobile.

Coroner Sherman was notified and visited the Howell home. It was learned that continual illness had about unbalanced Mrs. Howell's mind and it was stated that she had on a previous occasion expressed a desire to end her suffering by suicide. For that reason a close watch had been kept on her actions of late.

Mrs. Howell who was 52 years of age, had lived in Bradford for many years and had a large circle of friends. She was a most excellent woman.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Cyrus Eddy, of Bradford, and Mrs. Harry Donegan, of Cumberland, Md.; one son, William B. Howell, of Cairo, W. Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Flickinger, of Sandy Lake, Pa., and Mrs. Julia Scott of Punxsutawney, and one brother, Albert Gibson, of Sandy Lake, Pa.

STOCKING GAME PRESERVES.

Three Car Loads of Elk Will Be Secured From the West.

Harrisburg, Sept. 17.—Pennsylvania's game preserves, which have within the last year been stocked with deer, wild turkey, pheasants, quail and other game through the efforts of the State Game Commission, are to receive a large consignment of elk within the next three months. The places where the elk will be located have not yet been worked out, but it is probable that they will be distributed among the game reserves in Somerset and Westmoreland; Perry, Franklin and Clinton, Center or Clearfield. The commission has five preserves which are sections of State forestry reservations and are closed throughout the year, being for game to propogate and rest, the surrounding country being stocked from the overflow. Some of the preserves are provided with shelters and even with hatching places, and have caused sections of the State which were formerly bare of game, to become good hunting territory. They are under the eye of game wardens at all times.

The commission has contracted for three car loads of elk from national preserves in the western part of the country, and for a while after the elk are received they will be kept in captivity and breeding carried on.

The last elk was killed in Pennsylvania in 1874 and there is now no law governing the killing of the animal. It is possible that the next legislature will be asked to amend the game laws providing for an open season. Meanwhile the elk will be kept closely within the preserves.

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JAMES G. COVEY, OF COUDERSPORT, PA., CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR.

JAMES G. COVEY.

The Washington Party Candidate For State Senator.

(Contributed).

James G. Covey, candidate of the Washington party for state senator in this, the 25th senatorial district of Pennsylvania, was born at Coudersport, Pa., in 1879. His parents came from New York state and were among the early settlers of Potter county. His father was a Civil war veteran having served throughout the entire war, enlisting at the age of 16.

His grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was the second man behind Ethan Allen, at Ticonderoga.

Mr. Covey came from a patriotic family and he himself served in Company H, 202d N. Y. V., during the Spanish-American war, in Cuba, where he contracted malarial fever, but was able to continue with his regiment. He was mustered out at Savannah, Ga.

After the close of the war he was employed by the Potter Gas company and had charge of line construction, afterwards engaging in the mercantile business for himself, in which he has built up a successful business.

Mr. Covey is a man of family, having married Miss Katherine Knox, daughter of Franklin W. Knox, in 1905. They have three children, John K., Betty and James F. Covey.

Mr. Covey has always taken a prominent part in the affairs of his community and has held, and is holding at the present time, the office of commander of the Sons of Veterans; committeeman of the Second ward; secretary of the Republican County committee from which he has resigned and the Republican State committee.

He is also chief of the volunteer fire department at Coudersport and is first vice-president of the Seven-County Firemen's association.

He was one of Potter county's delegates to the recent Republican State convention at Harrisburg and stood squarely against "the machine" from start to finish, coming home with a clean record.

Mr. Covey is thoroughly progressive, honest and conscientious beyond a doubt, and if elected as state senator will represent his district in a clean, straightforward manner.

MISSION MEEETING.

Will be held at the Swedish Mission church commencing Oct. 4th and continue over Sunday, October 6th.

Services will be held Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock and Sunday at 10 a. m. and 3 and 7 p. m.

The following pastors will be present: Rev. D. Bunstrom, of Jamestown, N. Y.; Rev. K. E. Bergstrom, of Johnsonburg, Pa., and Rev. L. Ekeson, of Cleveland, O.

All our Scandinavians are cordially invited.

J. E. HALLSMERTZ,
Pastor of the Church.

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GOOD ROADS.

They are a Factor in Reducing the High Cost of Living.

The figures that have been issued at Washington during the past week by officials of the Department of Agriculture to show the enormous size of the crops that the country has just harvested are very impressive, certainly. On these bumper crops depend to a large extent the country's prosperity. But the crops would be much more effective in promoting the common welfare, and the national prosperity would be much greater, if there were not so much expense in getting the products of the farms to market. Good roads throughout the country would be one of the finest investments the American people could make. It is to be regretted that the government does not spend on road construction one-third of the $300,000,000 it spends every year on its military and naval establishments. J. E. Pennypacker, executive secretary of the American Road congress, estimates that if 20 per cent. of the public highways of the country were improved not less than $250,000,000 would be saved in the cost of hauling the crops of 1912. Mr. Pennypacker says:

"The government's prediction that the crop now being harvested will exceed any previous year's yield, should serve to call attention to the great losses that are being sustained by farmers and consumers in the hauling of crops. It is estimated that the improvement of the main roads of the country, approximately 20 per cent., would result in an annual saving of at least $250,000,000 in the cost of hauling alone, which would be sufficient to improve 50,000 miles of road at a further cost of $5,000 per mile. In five years this would improve 250,000 miles which would be sufficient to bring the total mileage of improved roads up to 20 per cent."

At present it is estimated that only a little more than 8 per cent. of the public highways have been improved. The good roads movement is gaining ground rapidly, but it will be a number of years before as much as 20 per cent. of the highways shall have been improved. The citizens of Pennsylvania are to be congratulated that as a result of recent legislation there is a promise that $50,000,000 secured by bond issues authorized by constitutional amendment, will be available for good roads construction in this commonwealth during the next few years. It will be an expenditure from which the returns will be four foul, not only greatly increasing the comfort and convenience of farm life but cheapening materially the cost of farm produce to the teeming populations of the cities.—Pittsburgh Post.

FALL MILLINERY.

My Millinery display for Fall and Winter is now ready and if you are looking for the really correct things in ladies' and children's headgear, call on CARRIE CLARK.

POMONA GRANGE.

Important Meeting to be Held on Wednesday of Next Week.

The McKean County Pomona Grange will be held in Smethport, October 9th, and the following program will be rendered:

11 a. m.—Business session.

12—Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Business session.

2:00—Literary program.

Song—Grange Melodies No. 62.

Address of Welcome—F. A. Gallup, Master of Fidelity Grange.

Response—A. T. Larson, Pomona Master.

Discussion—"Which Offers the Greatest Opportunity for a Young Man, Agriculture, a Trade or a Profession?" opened by D. C. Young.

Piano solo—Mrs. T. S. Caswell.

Discussion—"What Breed of Dairy Cattle Best Meets the Demand of This Locality?" opened by George Richards.

Recitation—Mrs. H. L. Breese.

Discussion—"If You Were Going to Purchase a Farm What Points Would You Consider?"

Vocal solo—T. S. Caswell.

Recitation—Mrs. W. C. Moss.

3:30—Woman's Hour.

Discussion—"What Are the Ten Most Useful Labor Savers That Can be Put in the Average Home?" opened by Mrs. H. W. Roeder.

Duet—Mrs. Howden and Mrs. Guenter.

Question Box.

Solo—Mrs. J. C. Goding.

Equalization of Taxes—H. T. Breese.

7:00—Open in Fifth Degree.

Business Session.

Conferring the Degree of Pomona.

8:30—Open Meeting.

Literary Program—Fidelity Grange.

Piano solo—Jeanette Herriman.

Paper—Mrs. Anna Stark.

Dialogue—Mrs. Neely and Mrs. Emma Stark.

Piano duet—Martha Colegrove and Kathryn Sleigle.

Recitation—Theo Freeman.

Paper—E. A. Studholme.

Piano solo—Jeanette Herriman.

"MUTT & JEFF."

Will be the Attraction at the Smethport Lyceum, Monday, Oct. 14.

You can no more make a success out of bad material than you can keep a good thing down. "Mutt & Jeff" scored a pronounced hit at its first performance. Why? Because the play possessed real merit, and the people instantly recognized the fact. That success has been growing and reaching out until the report from every part of the country says: "The one big hit of the season." Not only the people, critics and newspaper comment pronounce it a hit, but the heads of the great theatrical syndicate who control the booking of thousands of theatres throughout this vast country, send out the report "Mutt & Jeff the financial success of the year." Think of it, overshadowing the success of all the great "stars" little "Mutt and Jeff" leads them all. Is it any wonder that everybody wants to see it? The reports of the newspaper critics nor the reports from the syndicate did not make "Mutt and Jeff" a success. The people made it a success because it was just the sort of entertainment they wanted to see. Gus Hill knew the wants of the people and gave it to them, that's the answer.

OLEAN IMPROVES AS A BUSINESS CENTER.

Olean, during the past few years, has improved wonderfully as a shopping center. BRADNER'S store has been more than doubled in size and now contains almost an acre of floor space, devoted to the display and sale of Dependable Merchandise. Shoes and furniture have been added and the other departments have been enlarged and stocks increased so that to-day this store offers equal or better shopping facilities than the best stores in the larger cities. In response to numerous inquiries by mail and 'phone as to the best time to visit Olean for the Fall and Winter shopping, BRADNER'S announce that stocks in every department are now complete. When shopping in Olean, you are invited to make their store your headquarters. Use their Rest Room and other conveniences. Ask about their liberal refund of railroad and trolley fares and free delivery of merchandise. Test out this store. It has "made good" for over twenty-five years and is growing faster during nineteen twelve than ever before. It

Sam Pinney's Ghost

Trial For Heresy That Came to a Sudden Close

By CLARISSA MACKIE

Elder Jones thumped the gatepost with his heavy cane "I don't care what you say, Sam Pinney," he cried angrily "I know that any man that believes in sperrits can't be a Christian. So there!"

The ruddy faced little man on the other side of the gate smiled with boundless good nature in his twinkling eyes. "And I say," he said emphatically, "that if I see a ghost I'll believe it is one Did you ever see a sperrit, Jim Jones?"

"Never!" said the elder piously 'I don't believe the good Lord means any of us mortals should look on angels and such until the great day comes when all eyes shall be opened."

"If you never saw a ghost then you can't be expected to believe in 'em," remarked Sam Pinney eagerly "Now

"WOULD YOU BELIEVE IN A GHOST IF YOU SAW ONE, ELDER?"

if it so be that you think I'm not a Christian because I claim to have seen the ghost down to the old mill I guess I better stay away from church till I get over whatever's the matter with my eyesight!"

"Maybe you better," snapped the elder as he turned aside

'Would you believe in a ghost if you saw one, elder?' asked Sam Pinney over his fat shoulder

"No The elder paused and his long nose sniffed the air hungrily Seem's if I smelled biled dinner"

"Guess you do," grinned Sam 'Ann Eliza's been at it all the morning Suet pudding too'

"Gorry' ejaculated the elder 'I was wondering if we couldn't discuss this here ghost matter a little more thoroughly Now it ain't necessary for me to be home to dinner' he hinted shamelessly

"That's the best of jest having a housekeeper" remarked Sam regretfully If you feel like you can get a better dinner elsewhere you can say you won't be home You can't work that game on a wife.'

'I wouldn't play it on Ellen when she was living" began the elder, opening the gate and sliding his thin form inside 'I expect Mrs Pinney likes to have company once in awhile to praise up her victuals. They say husbands don't appreciate what their wives do for 'em"

"Was that the way with you and Ellen" asked Sam Pinney innocently as he led the way around to the side door

'Ellen's dead and gone and I don't think it seemly to jest about her," said Ellen's "relict" stiffly

"'Twasn't a joke; I was in dead earnest," affirmed Sam. "Well, Ann Eliza, here's Elder Jones. Couldn't pass by that biled dinner you're cooking, so he's come to help us get rid of it."

"Biled dinner" quoth Mrs. Pinney scornfully "There's no biled dinner in this house today I guess what you smelled was Mrs. Barton's dinner cooking across the street. I'm having a sort of pickup dinner—some cold baked beans and fried brown bread and cold apple pie Come' Sit up elder The coffee's hot anyway"

Elder Jones got through the meal as best he could for the wrath that filled his soul He felt instinctively that Sam Pinney had played a joke on him, and he longed to requite his injured dignity

Sam Pinney talked of ghosts all during the meal. Mrs. Pinney joined in with cheerful corroboration of her husband's opinions.

"If what I saw down to the mill isn't a ghost then I'll go jump off the dock," asserted Sam boastfully

"Then you'd be a ghost yourself," laughed Mrs. Pinney comfortably,

"What did you see, Sam?" asked Elder Jones for the tenth time that day.

"Looked like mist, a sort of vapory stuff rising up and floating till it took shape, and I see it was the old miller himself."

"What was you doing down there at the mill so late at night?' repeated the elder, also for the tenth time

"Looking for that confounded fox terrier pup of mine He's got a habit of running off nights and as he's worth a lot of money I can't afford to lose him. I found him watching a rat hole down to the mill, and I declare to gracious if the little feller wasn't scart half to death when that ghost rix up in front of him"

"What happened after that?" demanded the elder although the recital was an old story to him.

'Nothing much. The miller, he pointed to his bosom where the bullet hit him as much as twenty years ago It happened when I was a lad. The terrier just sat and trembled, and was jest going to ask the miller where he'd come from when he faded away"

"That would have been kind of impolite, Sam," censured his wife mildly "You don't know whether that miller come from heaven or somewhere else."

The elder turned an indignant face toward Mrs. Pinney "Then you believe in sperrits, too?" he asked.

"I believe in whatever my husband does," said Mrs Pinney loyally

The elder arose and buttoned his coat tightly over his thin chest. "Mrs. Pinney and Mr Pinney" he said, with dignity, "I am sorry to see two such intelligent human beings given over to the counsels of the evil one, for ghosts and such talk are nothing else, in my opinion' I feel it my duty—my bounden duty—to bring the matter before the elders. Why it's almost like heresy"

'Like fiddlesticks'' cried Mrs. Pinney, with such energy that the elder hustled toward the door

"Thank you very much for your hospitality," said Elder Jones constrainedly

"Don't mention it" said Mr Pinney

When the elder's coattails had flapped through the gate Mr Pinney looked at his wife's good natured face and burst into silent laughter

"Ann Eliza,' he chuckled, "that there elder has got to see a ghost before he's convinced that I was speaking the truth I expect we'll be hauled over the coals by the committee if Jim Jones has his say'

"Let 'em haul, said Ann Eliza defiantly "I'll stick by you, Sammy, even if it is my private belief that the ghost you saw was nothing but a cloud of flour dust settling down from the rafter overhead

"Flour dust" echoed Sam scornfully "I brushed your clothes the next morning" remarked Ann Eliza significantly as she proceeded to clear the table

Mr Pinney's prediction proved to be correct. Mr and Mrs Pinney were summoned before a small committee of the elders of the church to which they belonged to answer some questions concerning their outspoken belief in disembodied spirits It was to be a private hearing presided over by the minister himself a tall narrow chested narrow minded shepherd given to driving his flock before him over certain straight paths and never permitting the slightest divergence from the closely defined way The especial abhorrence of the Rev Mr Weeks was the theory of ghosts and he had finally managed to eradicate from the minds of his congregation the belief that the old mill down on the river was haunted by the spirit of its murdered proprietor For twenty five years this story had been a favorite one among Beeton folks and very reluctantly they relinquished its hair raising horror

Now here were Sam Pinney and his sensible wife loudly acclaiming that Samuel himself had had an encounter with the ghost of the miller As Mr Pinney had conveyed the news to Elder Jones at the first opportunity the good elder carried it directly to the Rev Mr Weeks and in due season a committee was appointed and the Pinneys summoned to appear before it and explain their actions.

In the meantime the Pinneys went their ways soberly industriously and ever cheerful As the Friday evening drew near their equanimity did not abate a jot, and Elder Jones made an especial trip past the Pinney home to see if Sam had not lost some of his rosy color or Mrs Pinney did not show evidences of mental disturbance.

A storm came, a howling gale of wind and sleet that rattled against the church windows and sent little unpleasant thrills down the spines of the few people gathered to hear the explanation of Samuel Pinney and his wife.

The church was dark and gloomy save where a few lights shone along the north aisle. The pulpit was a shadowy blot against the dimness of the chancel. The elders were gathered in the last six pews, and two chairs had been set in the aisle for the offenders.

They were all there waiting for the Pinneys. The wind screamed mournfully, and the elders shifted uneasily in their seats. The church seemed a dark and dismal pit beyond that little circle of light. The outer door creaked solemnly, and Mrs. Pinney, rosy and fresh from the sleet swept world, stamped noisily in and stood her dripping umbrella in a corner

"Sammy will be along right away," she whispered hissingly as she accepted one of the seats that the minister indicated. "Seems dreadful dark and gloomy in here, elder, don't it?" she whispered to Mr Jones.

That gentleman nodded a stern assent, and Mrs. Pinney sat still for several moments. Then she turned her head and curiously surveyed the darkened interior

"It was on a night like this that old Dr. Little had a stroke in the pulpit," she ventured again. "Seem's if I could see him this minute standing there so stout and handsum—he was good to look at—and then all to once he dropped right over and became a stiff corpse, as dead as I ever want to be' I remember the wind howled something awful that night and it rained and rained till it seemed as if all the angels were weeping because such a good man was dead' Well well never see him again,' she sighed regretfully

The members of the committee looked very much as if they could cheerfully undergo this deprivation. Mr Weeks frowned portentously and asked Mrs. Pinney if her husband would keep them waiting very much longer

"I'm expecting him every minute," she whispered in reply

It was Elder Jones himself who suddenly arose to his feet and thrust a quivering forefinger toward the pulpit.

'What is that?" he asked in a hoarse voice

With one accord they lifted their eyes and stared at the apparition which confronted them.

Standing before the pulpit, one fat hand thrust between the first and second buttons of his long ministerial coat, stood what looked like the wraith of old Dr. Little who ten years before had been the pastor of the church. His round face with its little wisps of cinnamon whiskers shone palely out of the darkness and in his eyes there seemed an unearthly glare—it might have been the reflection of the flickering lamps. His black clothed figure seemed to melt into the surrounding blackness below that fat white hand. All at once the hand was lifted as if in denunciation and then the apparition grew smaller until all at once it disappeared from sight.

There was a sharp indrawn breath

'Oh what was that?" cried Mrs. Pinney affrightedly

'It was a ghost' said Elder Jones, with conviction in his rasping tones. "I saw it myself I knew Dr Little like a brother. Why, I know it was him"

The other members of the committee sat silent and disconcerted Mr Weeks rubbed a white silk handkerchief over his high dome shaped brow while he struggled for expression.

Mrs Pinney was darting bright eyes from one face to another Her own lighted up with commonplace satisfaction when the door creaked solemnly once more and Samuel tiptoed in, rosy and dripping with the winter storm as she had been

'Here's Sam, said Mrs. Pinney 'Now I suppose we can have the meeting'

There was a shuffling of feet among the elders The storm shrieked more wildly, and the vicinity of the pulpit looked forbidding enough.

'It was just such a night as this that Dr Little was took bad' began Sam Pinney as he approached the little group of men

Elder Jones was on his feet, his hands fingering his hat. "I move this meeting be adjourned for more evidence in the case'

In three bewildering minutes the church was emptied of everybody save the two Pinneys, who confronted each other with loyal affectionate eyes

"It was a dreadful thing to do Sammy Pinney" chided his wife, "and you ought to be ashamed of it. If one of them men had remembered that Dr Little was your own uncle and that you are featured just like him you

ELDER JONES SUDDENLY AROSE TO HIS FEET AND POINTED TO THE PULPIT.

might have been found out. What did you do with the doctor's broadcloth coat?"

—"It's on the other side of the stone wall wrapped in my rubber mackintosh," said Sam cheerfully "What I've been trying to impress on these fellows is this Ann Eliza—they can't convince me I ain't seen a ghost till they show they're ghost proof themselves."

"You ought to cut the church lawn all next summer to make up for this," said Mrs. Pinney as they wended their way home.

"I'm willing, and you bettar get up the nicest old fashioned biled dinner you know how to get and invite Jim Jones and all the other elders to it, and the first one that mentions ghosts don't get suet pudding," said Sam.

And, as was their way, the Pinneys cheerfully suffered the penances they had ordered themselves.

THE WITHRINGTON MYSTERY

Was There Nothing in It, or Was It a Scientific Wonder?

By F. A. MITCHEL

At Newport, R. I., is a house which three-quarters of a century ago was the finest of all the 'cottages' as the dwellings of summer residents were then called in the town. Even then it was an old house and full of old furniture, such as four post bedsteads tables with three legs and claw feet, high bureaus with small mirrors on top and other seventeenth and eight eenth century articles.

From the settlement of Newport the property had belonged to the Withrington family, the original Withrington having come out from England with a patent from the government of lands in Rhode Island.

There was one Withrington—he was the heir to the estate, including the Newport manor house—who went abroad and was never heard of afterward. This was in the year 1857 Ralph Withrington, the person referred to, had a passion for science and went to Germany to study under the then famous Professor Hickel

"PARDON WHAT MAY SEEM AN INTRUSION," SAID THE VISITOR.

schneider of the University of Bonn Withrington was often seen by various persons entering and leaving the professor's laboratory On the 10th of November 1858, he was seen to make such entrance He was not seen to depart at the usual time nor was he ever seen again—at least in Bonn

Samuel Withrington, a cousin in America being informed that Ralph had disappeared, went to Germany to investigate the matter but received no satisfaction Professor Hickelschneider was so universally respected that no charge of his having made way with his pupil would be received by the authorities Samuel Withrington returned to America and laid claim to Ralph's estate but since nothing could be transferred to him without proof of the owner's death the courts retained charge of it. The Newport manor house remained vacant for many years when it was purchased by a family of the name of Pushcarth They used a crest on certain of their belongings, but the only crest to which they were entitled was a cart, with a handle to be grasped by a human being for the founder of the family had in 1742 been a peddler in New York city and was called first the pushcart man, then Old Pushcart, and when his family came into possession of a large fortune which he had accumulated the name became Pushcart, and later, after the family had become respectable, it was changed to Pushcarth. A genius for accumulation had been the family talent, and they were now very rich. They were also very aristocratic and preferred the Withrington manor house with its old furniture because they said it reminded them of the original Pushcarth chateau in France from which the original Pushcarth had been sent out to Canada by King Louis XIV

Professor Hickelschneider died in an insane asylum. He had made some wonderful scientific discoveries and was said to have been half a century ahead of his time, having arrived at results that he did not give to the world, but which have recently been brought out by a famous institution for original research. His son, Gustav, inherited his scientific tastes and his laboratory It was noticed that after the father's death the son would not permit any other person than himself to enter the laboratory

Gustav was succeeded by his son Heinrich, who did not inherit the genius of his grandfather or even the tastes of his father He tore down the laboratory to make room for a building that would afford him an income.

Fifty years after the disappearance of Ralph Withrington it was reported in Bonn that Heinrich Hickelschneider had uncovered a vault in the laboratory from which he had taken an oblong box, such as is used for inclosing burial caskets, that the box contained a shriveled leatherlike body, that a paper was found stating that the contents of the box was a desiccated body, which might be brought to life by a certain process, that was given in minute detail, and lastly that it had been turned over to a corps of scientists, who had applied the process given and brought the leathery substance to a living human being.

There were a few persons in Bonn who attached some credence to this story No one else paid any attention to it, and it passed away as a Munchausen tale

During the first decade of the twentieth century, when the Withrington property had long ago passed into the Pushcarth family a man apparently about twenty-five years of age entered the place and, advancing to the house, rang the bell sent up his card—Ralph H Withrington—with the word that he belonged to the family that had formerly owned the property

The butler took the card ushered the visitor into a drawing room and after a brief absence returned saying that the only person who could see Mr Withrington was Miss Pushcarth, who would be down directly A young lady of haughty mien appeared, who maintained that reserve to be expected from one of high degree But no sooner had she taken a fair look at her caller than she started There was an unwholesome leathery look about him that appalled her She knew all about the family from whom her father had obtained the place, that since one named Ralph Withrington, the owner had not given a deed to the property the title was defective, and a dreadful idea came to her that he had returned from the dead to claim his own

"Pardon what may seem an intrusion," said the visitor "You have seen by my card that I am a Withrington I have been spending some time in Germany and since my return have felt a desire to visit the home of my boyhood."

Miss Pushcarth shuddered the moment Mr Withrington began to speak for his voice had something of the sound of a pair of leather bellows His throat appeared to be dry and the vocal organs stiff. When he spoke of the home of his boyhood she interrupted him

"Excuse me You have mistaken the place I was born and have lived here all my life and I must be nearly your age"

"My ancestors, I should have said, hastily replied the visitor

'I have heard," the lady continued. "that one of the Withrington family named Ralph disappeared a great many years ago Indeed I understand that he was the owner of this property at the time of his disappearance therefore the title to it is defective Perhaps you are a descendant of this Ralph Withrington and can supply the deficiency

A singular expression came over the young man's face As Miss Pushcarth looked at him in the light dimmed by the heavy curtains it seemed to her that she saw in him the soul of a very old man As to his body it was neither old nor young There was something about it to remind her of a certain bachelor she knew of seventy five who kept his position as a beau in society He was so artistically made up that one could scarcely tell whether he was seventy five or twenty five Without making a direct reply her guest, in the courtly manner of half a century before assured her that he could make good the title to the place and asked her if she would inherit it'

"It is mine already' she said. My mother died when I was a child and my father a year ago There is nothing to trouble me in the settlement of the estate except the outstanding interest of this namesake of yours Doubtless he is dead long ago and will never trouble us but I wish the defect could be supplied'

Glancing at Withrington, she noticed another expression on his face that startled her It was or resembled the look of one who was thinking of love of marriage—marriage with her But it was not the look a young man would have given her with such intent it was more like a leer from a septuagenarian.

Without directly pursuing the matter her visitor broke out in an impassioned manner, telling her that he found himself in a world from which all who had loved him and whom he had loved had departed and left him alone He was hungry for affection. If no new attachment came to him, nothing to fill the frightful void, he would go mad. If such an affection could be purchased he would give for it this, his family homestead, were it still his.

During this address at times he seemed to be an attractive young man offering her his devotion, at times a broken down antiquated piece of dried flesh, begging for some one to take care of him in his old age. Suddenly recovering himself he arose and said:

"But I will inflict no more of this on you. I may see you again, and I may not. At any rate, I will see that you have a clear title to this manor house."

Without waiting for a reply he hurried away.

That was the last time Miss Pushcarth saw her visitor. A few days later there came to her through the mail a document got up in proper legal form which, if the signature was genuine, removed the flaw from the title to her home. It was signed Ralph Howard Withrington. No letter accompanied it. Miss Pushcarth immediately sent for her attorney and turned the document over to him with instructions to look into the matter. Within a week he returned it with a statement that he had found a number of signatures on different records of Ralph Howard Withrington, had referred the signature she had given him to experts who had compared it with those he had found, and one and all had pronounced it genuine.

The above is a record of all that is known of the Withrington mystery that a few years ago caused such a stir in the Pushcarth family and their intimate associates.

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The Door Of Unrest

Strange Hallucinations of a Remorseful Shoemaker

By O. HENRY

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I sat an hour by sun in the editor's room of the Montopolis Weekly Bugle I was the editor

The saffron rays of the declining sunlight filtered through the cornstalks in Micajah Widdup's garden patch and cast an amber glory upon my paste pot. I sat at the editorial desk in my sanctuary revolving chair and prepared my editorial against the oligarchies.

Then in from the dusky, quiet street there drifted and perched himself upon a corner of my desk old Father Time's younger brother. His face was bearded as and as gnarled as an English walnut. I never saw clothes such as he wore They would have reduced Joseph's coat to a monochrome But the colors were not the dyer's. Stains and patches and the work of sun and rust were responsible for the diversity On his coarse shoes was the dust, conceivably of a thousand leagues. I can describe him no further, except to say that he was little and weird and old—old I began to estimate in centuries when I saw him. Yes and I remember that there was an odor, a faint odor like aloes, or possibly like myrrh or leather, and I thought of museums

"I am glad to see you sir,' I said. "I would offer you a chair but—you see sir I went on. "I have lived in Montopolis only three weeks and I have not met many of our citizens." I turned a doubtful eye upon his dust stained shoes and concluded with a newspaper phrase "I suppose that you reside in our midst?"

My visitor fumbled in his raiment, drew forth a soiled card and handed it to me' Upon it was written, in plain but unsteadily formed characters the name Michob Ader'

I am glad you called, Mr Ader,' I said As one of our older citizens you must view with pride the recent growth and enterprise of Montopolis. Among other improvements I think I can promise that the town will now be provided with a live, enterprising newspa'—

"Do ye know the name on that card?" asked my caller interrupting me

It is not a familiar one to me," I said.

Again he visited the depths of his ancient vestments This time he brought out a torn leaf of some book or journal brown and dimsy with age The heading of the page was the Turkish Spy in old style type The printing upon it was this

"There is a man come to Paris in this year 1643 who pretends to have lived these sixteen hundred years He says of himself that he was a shoemaker in Jerusalem at the time of the crucifixion, that his name is Michob Ader and that when Jesus the Christian Messias was condemned by Pontius Pilate, the Roman president, he paused to rest while bearing his cross to the place of crucifixion before the door of Michob Ader The shoemaker struck Jesus with his fist, saying Go, why tarriest thou?' The Messias answered him I indeed am going, but thou shalt tarry until I come' thereby condemning him to live until the day of judgment He lives forever, but at the end of every hundred years he falls into a fit or trance, on recovering from which he finds himself in the same state of youth in which he was when Jesus suffered, being then about thirty years of age

Such is the story of the Wandering Jew as told by Michob Ader, who relates'— Here the printing ended.

I must have muttered aloud something to myself about the Wandering Jew, for the old man spoke up bitterly and loudly

"'Tis a lie" said he, "like nine-tenths of what ye call history 'Tis a gentile I am and no Jew I am after footin it out of Jerusalem my son, but if that makes me a Jew then everything that comes out of a bottle is babies milk We have my name on the card ye hold and ye have read the bit of paper they call the Turkish Spy that printed the news when I stepped into their office on the 12th day of June in the year 1643, just as I have called upon ye today,"

I laid down my pencil and pad. Clearly it would not do Here was an item for the local column of the Bugle that—but it would not do

I was trying to think of some conversational subject with which to interest my visitor and was hesitating between walking matches and the pliocene age when the old man suddenly began to weep poignantly and distressfully

"Cheer up, Mr Ader," I said, a little awkwardly; "this matter may blow over in a few hundred years more, There has already been a decided reaction in favor of Judas Iscariot and Colonel Burr and the celebrated violinist, Signor Nero This is the age of whitewash You must not allow yourself to become downhearted."

Unknowingly I had struck a chord. The old man blinked belligerently through his senile tears.

"'Tis time," he said, "that the liars be doin' justice to somebody. Yer historians are no more than a pack of old women gabblin' at a wake. A finer man than the Imperor Nero ever wore sandals. Man, I was at the burnin' of Rome. I knowed the Imperor well, for in them days I was a well known charioteer. In them days they had raypect for'n mish that lived forever.

"But 'twas of the Imperor Nero I was goin' to tell ye. I struck into Rome, up the Appian way, on the night of July 16, the year 64 I had just stepped down by way of Siberia and Afghanistan. I'm tellin' ye I was passin' the Circus Maximus, and it was dark as pitch over the way, and then I heard somebody sing out, 'Is that you, Michob?'

"Over ag'inst the wall, hid out among a pile of barrels and old dry goods boxes, was the Imperor Nero wid his togy wrapped around his toes smokin a long, black segar.

"'Have one, Michob?' says he

"'None of the weeds for me, says I —'nayther pipe nor segar What's the use,' says I, of smokin when ye're not got the ghost of a chance of killin yer self by doin' it?'

"'True for ye Michob Ader my perpetual Jew,' says the Imperor, 'ye're not always wanderin' Sure, 'tis danger gives the spice of our pleasures—next to their bein' forbidden.'

"'And for what,' says I, 'do ye smoke be night in dark places widout even a chaturion in plain clothes to attend ye?'

"'Have ye ever heard, Michob,' says the Imperor, 'of predestinarianism?'

"'I've had the cousin of it,' says I 'I've been on the trot with pedestrian dam for many a year and more to come as ye well know'

"'The longer word,' says me friend Nero, 'is the t achin' of this new sect of people they call the Christians. 'Tis them that's raysponsible for me smokin' be night in holes and corners of the dark

"And then I sets down and takes off a shoe and rubs me foot that is frosted and the Imperor tells me about it. It seems that since I passed that way before the Imperor had mandamused the Empress wid a divorce suit and Missis Poppiea a cilibrated lady was engaged widout riferences as housekeeper at the palace All in one day' says the Imperor she puts up new lace windys curtains in the palace and joins the anti tobacco society, and whin I feels the need of a smoke I must be after sneakin out to those piles of lumber in the dark' So there in the dark we sat the Imperor sat and I told him of me travels

And now I detected a new flavor in Mr Michob Ader's It had not been myrrh or balm or hyssop that I had smelled The emanation was the odor of bad whisky and, worse still, of low comedy, the sort that small humorists manufacture by clothing the grave and revered things of legend and history in the vulgar, topical trippery that passes for a certain kind of wit. Michob Ader as an impostor, claiming 1,900 years and playing his part with the decency of respectable lunacy I could endure but as a tedious way, cheapening his egregious story with song book levity his importance as an entertainer grew less

"MR. ADER," I SAID, "THIS AFFAIR MAY BLOW OVER IN A FEW HUNDRED YEARS."

And then, as if he suspected my thoughts, he suddenly shifted his key

"You'll excuse me sir," he whined, 'but sometimes I get a little mixed in my head I am a very old man, and it is hard to remember everything"

I knew that he was right and that I should not try to reconcile him with Roman history, so I asked for news concerning other ancients with whom he had walked familiar

"Now, I knew Tamerlane, the lame Timour, sir, very well I saw him at Keghut and at Zaranj He was a little man no larger than yerself with hair the color of an amber pipe stem They buried him at Samarkand I was at the wake, sir Oh he was a fine built man in his coffin six feet long with black whiskers to his face And I see 'em throw turnips at the Imperor Vispasian in Africa All over the world I have tramped, sir, without the body of me findin' any rest 'Twas so commanded I saw Jerusalem destroyed and Pompeii go up in the fireworks, and I was at the coronation of Charlemagne and the lynchin' of Joan of Arc. And everywhere I go there comes storms and revolutions and plagues and fires. Are ye quite sure, sir that ye haven't a drop of whisky convenient? Ye well know that I have many miles of walkin' before me."

"I have none," said I "and if you please, I am about to leave for my supper."

Clearly, the matter had progressed far beyond the scope of the Bugle's local column There might have been employment here for the alienist or for those who circulate the pledge, but I had had enough of it. I got up and repeated that I must go

"'Twas me that did it, he muttered as I led him toward the door—"me, the shoemaker of Jerusalem'

I got him to the sidewalk, and in the augmented light I saw that his face was seared and lined and warped by a sadness almost incredibly the product of a single lifetime

I stood, uncertain how to take my leave I looked down the street, shuffled my feet, looked back again—and felt my hair rise The old man had disappeared

And then my capillaries relaxed, for I dimly saw him footing it away through the darkness. But he walked so swiftly and silently and contrary to the gait promised by his age that my composure was not all restored though I knew not why

That night I was foolish enough to take down some dust covered volumes from my modest shelves. I searched "Hermippus Redivivus" and "Salathiel" and the "Pepys Collection" in vain. And then in a book called "The Citizen of the World" and in one two centuries old I came upon what I desired. Michob Ader had indeed come to Paris in the year 1643 and related to the Turkish Spy an extraordinary story He claimed to be the Wandering Jew, and that—

But here I fell asleep, for my editorial duties had not been light that day

Judge Hoover was the Bugle's candidate for congress Having to confer with him I sought his home early the next morning, and we walked together downtown through a little street with which I was unfamiliar

"Did you ever hear of Michob Ader?" I asked him, smiling.

'Why yes" said the judge "and that reminds me of my shoes he has for mending Here is his shop now."

Judge Hoover stepped into a dingy, small shop I looked up at the sign and saw Mike O Bader, Boot and Shoe Maker," on it.

There sat my Wandering Jew on his shoemaker's bench trimming a half sole

Judge Hoover inquired kindly concerning his shoes. The old shoemaker looked up and spoke simply enough He had been ill, he said, for a few days. The next day the shoes would be ready He looked at me and I could see that I had no place in his memory So out we went and on our way

Old Mike' remarked the candidate, has been on one of his sprees He gets crazy drunk regularly once a month But he's a good shoemaker"

"What is his history?" I inquired

"Whisky, epitomized Judge Hoover "That explains him'

I was silent but I did not accept the explanation And so when I had the chance I asked Old Man Sellers, who browsed daily on my exchanges

'Mike O Bader, said he "was makin' shoes in Montopolis when I come here goin' on fifteen year ago. I guess whisky's his trouble Once a month he gets off the track and stays so a week He's got a rigmarole somethin' about his bein a peddler that he tells everybody Nobody won't listen to him any more When he's sober he ain't such a fool'

But again I would not. Not yet was my Wandering Jew rightly construed for me I trust that women may not be allowed a title to all the curiosity in the world So when Montopolis oldest inhabitant (some ninety score years younger than Michob Ader) dropped in to acquire promulgation in print I siphoned his perpetual trickle of reminiscence in the direction of the uninterpreted maker of shoes

Uncle Abner was the complete history of Montopolis, bound in butternut.

'O'Bader," he quavered, "come here in '60 He was the first shoemaker in the place Folks generally considers him crazy at times now But he don't harm nobody I s'pose drinkin upset his mind—yes drinkin' very likely done it. It's a powerful bad thing drinkin I'm an old old man sir and I never see no good in drinkin'"

Did Mike O Bader have a great loss or trouble of any kind?" I asked

"Lemme see! About thirty year ago there was somethin' of the kind I recollect. Montopolis sir, in them days used to be a mighty strict place

'Well, Mike O Bader had a daughter then—a right pretty girl She was too gay a sort for Montopolis, so one day she slips off to another town and runs away with a circus It was two years before she comes back all fixed up in fine clothes and rings and jewelry, to see Mike He wouldn't have nothin' to do with her, so she stays around town awhile, anyway I reckon the men folks wouldn't have raised no objections, but the women egged 'em on to order her to leave town. But she had plenty of spunk and told 'em to mind their own business

'So one night they decided to run her away A crowd of men and women drove her out of her house and chased her with sticks and stones. She run to her father's door, callin' for help. Mike opens it, and when he sees who it is he hits her with his fist and knocks her down and shuts the door

"And then the crowd kept on chunkin' her till she run clear out of town. And the next day they finds her drowned dead in Hunter's mill pond I mind it all now That was thirty year ago"

I leaned back in my nonrotary revolving chair and nodded gently, like a mandarin, at my paste pot.

"When old Mike has a spell," went on Uncle Abner, tepidly garrulous, "he thinks he's the Wanderin' Jew."

"He is," said I, nodding away.

MOON LOTUS

Story of a Lost Pearl

By CLARISSA MACKIE

"I have lost the pearl," declared Lane Wendell moodily, "but I am hanging around Tokyo hoping that I may get some trace of it. Jessup, there's a little fortune tied up in that gem."

"So I should judge," returned Jessup sympathetically "How did you lose it?"

"The old story of over confidence in one's fellow men. My purchase must have been printed in the newspapers from one end of Japan to the other for everyone appeared to know about it and consequently it wasn't surprising that my jinrikisha man should guess that it might be concealed upon my person on the day that I went forth to view the festival of cherry blossoms. They were said to be remarkably beautiful in a small village about ten miles from Tokyo, and it was with that point in view that I set out one fine day with two strong runners in attendance—one to relieve the other between the shafts

"We never reached the village, for the rascal led us by devious ways through a lonely countryside and to the banks of a little pond where drooping willows quite concealed us, if that precaution was necessary in a locality where we had not seen a house or a human being for miles of our journey

"'If our honorible master will condescend to alight upon the shores of this exquisite lake we will serve the delicious meal our master ordered us to bring' said Sanosho the most mild eyed of the pair

"Quite unsuspecting I got out of the car and sat down beneath the willows when imm diately the two fell upon me and while Tihojo held me with hands and knees like steel, the gentle

DEFTLY SEARCHED ME FOR THE PRECIOUS PEARL.

Sanosho deftly searched me for the precious pearl, and he got it too, and held it for a moment gloating over its milky satin beauty Tihojo relaxed his hold and also gazed

"That moment's admiration gave me a chance to break loose I tensed my muscles and then sprang up overthrowing the astonished Tihojo I followed this movement with two lightning jabs—one to the right and the other to the left—and sent the smaller man sprawling to the ground Tihojo lay as if stunned, but Sanosho managed to raise himself to his elbow and as I made a dash at him to recover the pearl he smiled triumphantly and, raising one arm, tossed the precious pearl into the middle of the pond Realizing that my efforts to recover the gem would be futile unless I had help, I turned and left them lying there knowing that they would lose no time or effort to reclaim it before I could return with help.

"I walked all the way back to Tokyo losing my way several times. It took me some time to find the persons who might assist me to recover the pearl, and it was late in the day when we finally reached the willow fringed pond There was, of course no sign of jinrikisha or runners

"We sent a diver into its shallow depths without success. It was a hopeless task from the beginning for as it is probable that Sanosho measured the distance and could calculate where the pearl fell into the water If he did he could at least confine his search to a smaller radius than that afforded by our ignorance

"So after awhile I called the men off the job and paid them"

"What will be your next move?" asked Jessup thoughtfully.

"Go home if I don't hear anything within another fortnight. I simply cannot understand the situation. Somehow I have an uncomfortable feeling that there is more behind the theft of the pearl than appears in the mere robbery. I never told you how I came by it.

"It belonged among the family jewels of a prince in the mikado's household. The prince was in financial difficulties and offered the gem for private purchase. My firm in New York was ready to snap up such an opportunity, and my cable to them brought back the reply. 'Purchase at once, draw on us.'

"The purchase was concluded with a great deal of secrecy on the part of the prince, who told me that his wife was very ill and that the purchase money for the pearl was to be used to defray the expenses of a costly operation that would save the life of his wife This the proud Japanese told me with tears in his black eyes

"I have learned in the last week that the wife of the prince has just undergone the operation and that she is now safely on the road to recovery I wrote him a letter of congratulation on this fact, but have not heard a word in reply and suppose I have shocked his sense of propriety. You know there is so much ceremony involved in the interchange of letters in this country that I am continually getting myself in hot water in that respect." Lane Wendell smiled ruefully

"I don't see how the Jap could take offense at a kindly inquiry, no matter how unceremoniously it was framed." protested Jessup, rising and stretching his form luxuriously

"You don't know 'em,' declared Wendell, also rising. "Come on and take a walk with me."

"Perhaps we will run across your missing jinrikisha man."

"No such good luck."

Their idle strolling led them along a pleasant thoroughfare into the open country. Here, at the parting of two ways, they met a peasant girl, a seller of bamboo baskets, who looked at them from calm, childish eyes She held forth a round basket and spoke softly in the vernacular which Wendell understood.

"Honorable sirs, I have here the root of the moon lotus Will you not be pleased to buy?"

"Your flowers look dead O Blossom of the Plum, said Wendell courteously

"They are only sleeping, my lord," said the maid timidly

"Incredible!" murmured Wendell

"Pardon my exceedingly bad manners, oh honorable sirs she humbly begged, "but pray which one of you is the illustrious American, Mister Wendell"

'She has probably followed us from the hotel,' said Wendell in English as he gave her his card, upon which was inscribed his name in both English and Japanese characters

'I am deeply grateful for your kindness to a most unmannerly girl' she murmured as she presented the basket to Wendell She did not look at the coin he gave her, but dropped it in her wide sleeve, and with a pretty obeisance clattered away, on her wooden clogs

"What do you make of it, Jessup?" said Wendell as they turned back toward the city

'I won't be ass enough to say you've made a conquest, for it was a most businesslike proceeding. You're sure there isn't a bomb concealed in that basket?"

Wendell peered within "Nothing except the plant and a slip of paper with Japanese characters—probably the directions for causing this magic plant to bloom'

She called it moon lotus' didn't she' asked Jessup that evening as he joined Wendell in the latter's apartment

Yes I've read the directions They are simple All we have to do is to submerge the whole plant in warm water, set it in the moonlight and wait for results Here's a copper dish, and I've ordered a jar of warm water —ah, here it comes now"

They waited until the servant had left the room and then Wendell wheeled a small table into the moonlight that streamed through the open window He filled the shallow copper dish with warm water and plunged the dried roots and withered petals to the bottom Then he put out the lamp and drew a chair beside Jessup's, close to the table

"Now let us see what will happen," he said with a note of curiosity in his voice

The moonlight streamed full on the copper dish and showed the plant lying dankly in the bottom In a few minutes however there seemed to be a movement there as if the plant was stirring

Presently something writhed up and unfolded into a green lotus pad, another came and another Then from their midst there shot up a brown bud threaded with paleness that gradually unfolded into a great pearly lotus blossom that lay on the green leaves like a fair pearl in its casket.

"So that is the moon lotus," murmured Wendell It is very wonderful—surely a symbol of resurrection"

"What a wonderful little people they are" was Jessup's tribute to the magic of the rapid evolution of the living flower from the dormant roots "Wendell—what is that?' Jessup pointed a quivering finger at the heart of the moon lotus

Wendell, who had been searching his memory for a clue to the identity of the basket girl whom he was sure he had seen before that day, pulled himself together and looked,

"My pearl!" he cried in an awed tone.

And from the center of the waxen leaves of the moon lotus he reverently picked the large pearl which had been stolen from him a fortnight before

"Verily, the ways of the Japanese are as delicately intricate as their carvings," commented Jessup, as they parted for the night.

But Wendell made no answer. At last he had recollected where he had seen the basket girl She was none other than the beautiful daughter of that prince of the mikado's court from whom he had once purchased the gem.

To him the situation was very plain, but it was not to be revealed to less sympathetic ears.

BROKEN ENGLISH.

Trials of a Frenchman With One of Our Common Verbs.

English is said to be the hardest language in the world to foreigners This is a broad statement, which might be hard to prove, but certainly it is not the easiest in the world. A professor in an eastern college relates a French friend's trials with our verb "break." He writes

"I begin to understand your language better, but your verbs trouble me still. I saw my friend Mrs. S. just now. She says she intends to break down her school earlier than usual. Am I right there?"

"Break up her school," she must have said.

"Oh, yes. I remember; break up school."

"Why does she do that?" I asked.

"Because her health is broken into."

"Broken down"

"Broken down? Oh, yes! And, indeed, since the fever has broken up in her town."

"Broken out. Will she leave her house alone?"

"No. She is afraid it will be broken—broken. How do I say that?"

"Broken into"

"Certainly It is what I meant to say"

"Is her son to be married soon?"

"No That engagement is broken—broken."

"Broken off"—Los Angeles Times.

FEARED THE HOODOO.

A Story That Was Told on Jesse Burkett, the Ball Player.

Of all the superstitious ball players none can hold a candle to Jesse Burkett the old Cleveland outfielder

"Jesse and the rest of us were out at Delmar track in St. Louis," said Bobby Wallace in telling the story. "Jesse got down $50 at 3 to 5 on a good thing that may be running yet.

"Burkett had been tipped to this by George Kelster, race track man. After the race Jesse turned on Kelster with one of his snarls and Kelster, knowing his fear of hoodoos, said

"'I'll put the Spanish curse on you for a week for that.

The next day Burkett failed to get a hit and muffed a fly The day after he booted a grounder and struck out twice That night he hunted up Kelster

"'Come up to my room,' said Burkett

"Kelster went along, and Burkett unwrapped a package, displaying a beautiful ascot and said

"'George, I'll give you that scarf—it cost me $2—if you'll take off that Spanish curse'

"Kelster snapped his fingers three times and said 'It's off'

"And the next day, strange to say, Burkett made three hits and fielded like a fiend'

The Popular Turkish Bath.

There is a wide-spread use of the vapor or Turkish bath Even in arctic Lapland the use of a Turkish bath of very primitive form is common It consists of a hut attached to every farm In the middle of the hut is raised a kind of beehive of rough stones and in this a fire is lighted When the stones become red hot they are drenched with water, so that the place is filled with vapor Then enter the bathers who are armed with birch twigs with which they belabor one another until all are in a state of profuse perspiration Then all leave the hut and roll in the snow outside This last function, it will be observed, is equivalent to the cold plunge which is the final experience in the Turkish bath, as known to us all—Harper's

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Editor and Prop'r.

Smethport, Thursday, Oct. 3, 1912.

We stand corrected by Editor McClellan as to time on Mr. Benson's Insanity Divorce Bill, but we still maintain that it was an insane act.

Mr. Wilson has taken a decided stand against a government of "experts." Mr. Wilson should certainly know, for as a professor and later President of Princeton University, he spent most of his time making "experts." A doctor oft-times objects to his own medicine.

Editor McClellan says that the great number of bills introduced by Mr. Benson proves his worth as a legislator. But the people seem to think that better proof would be less bills introduced and more enacted. If we are correctly informed not one of his bills got by its respective committee.

R. W. Hilton is the Democratic candidate for State Senator and he is the candidate for the same office on the Prohibition and Keystone tickets. Therefore, according to the doctrine of the Mt. Jewett Herald and the Bradford Sunday Herald, he is a "straddler" and is not entitled to the confidence of any of these parties.

The Republican standpatters take the position that conventions in the past have been run exactly in the same manner as the Republican convention at Chicago, and therefore the progressives had no right not to be governed by it. By the same token they would hold that should a thief rob forty times and be caught on the forty-first, he should be exonerated on the grounds of past performances.

The Mt. Jewett Herald and the Bradford Sunday Herald are taking particular delight in hammering H. H. Redfield, our popular candidate for Member of Assembly. Everybody who has ever been in the political game in this county knows why the Bradford Herald is pecking away at Mr. Redfield, but we can't quite understand why the Mt. Jewett Herald wishes to fool the people by trying to belittle as good a man for that office as Mr. Redfield.

As the Bradford Sunday Herald has gone into the legally questionable business of demanding just how candidates for office are going to vote this fall, where said candidates appear on two or more tickets, we suggest that in fairness, the Herald puts the same question to Mr. Hilton, the Democratic-Prohibition-Keystone candidate for State Senator, and to Mr. Benson, the Democratic-Prohibition candidate for Member of Assembly, as it put to Mr. Redfield, the opponent of Mr. Benson.

Hon. E. R. Benson was elected two years ago by a combination of the Democratic and Keystone parties. This year he was nominated by the Democrats, withdrew his name from that ticket, was again chosen as their candidate by the Democratic county committee; made an unsuccessful play for the Washington party endorsement, and has finally landed a place on the Prohibition ticket, yet the Mt. Jewett Herald and Bradford Sunday Herald would scoff if any one should suggest that he is a "straddler."

Argument in favor of road improvement is not as much needed now as it was a few years ago. The advantage of good highways has been made so plain by actual demonstration that whole communities that were formerly indifferent or actually opposed to the expenditure of money for the improvement have been converted. There are still many sections of the country where the good roads movement, nation-wide as it is, is not fully appreciated, however. It has made little progress for want of money, but as a matter of fact poor roads are all the time costing farmers and others more money than would be necessary for the construction of good roads.—Columbia News.

In the report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the year 1910, which is the last report we have so far obtained, our tariff receipts for that year were $333,683,445. In the same year the population of this country, according to our census report, was 92,000,000. Therefore by dividing our population into our tariff receipts, we find that the average is $3.62 for each individual in this country. These are facts anyone may obtain by writing for the treasury reports. The Miner, in its humble capacity and the editor in simply a plain citizen, ask of the common people, asks pardon for being obtuse, but would respectfully request some of his Democratic friends to enlighten him as to Mr. Wilson's and their statements that the removal of the tariff will be the panacea for all the ills of our economic life, and with its removal the cost of living question will be solved, for "the tariff is the tax that ruins us." Should this "tariff tax" be removed all together the average wage earner with a family of four will save 4 times $3.62 or $14.48 per year—an item of course, but not enough to be considered as really lowering the cost of living.

Of course if the answer is "that it allows foreign competition" we would respectfully suggest that combinations in business would be just as easily made between trusts of this country with foreign trusts as they are here at home and in some instances at least, have already been made. We therefore, as can anyone else, see the absurdity of this answer and consequently we would like the real one.

The newspapers in this county that are opposed to the election of H. H. Redfield for Member of Assembly claim that he is a "straddler." But who wish to be fair in the matter can easily see that this contention is absolutely false. Mr. Redfield has always been an independent Republican, although his opponents have tried to make the people believe otherwise, and to-day he stands firmly with the Progressive movement in the county, state and nation. He was nominated at the Republican primaries this spring at the same time that Roosevelt delegates were chosen to the national convention and state delegates who chose our state ticket, and he stands to-day on the platform adopted by the delegates to the national convention who were too independent to submit to the high-handed methods of the gang in charge of the Republican national convention, and afterwards held a Progressive convention where they carried out the wishes of the people who chose them as delegates, and the platform adopted by the delegates to the State convention and by the ticket named by that convention. In other words, Mr. Redfield stands squarely for the policies of the people of this county who elected him and is fearless enough to come out in the open and let the people know just where he stands. His record as a man is so clean and square that his opponents can say nothing against him in this line and as they feel that they must say something they are trying to hold up a "straddle" claim that is so weak that it is pitiful to gaze upon. Mr. Redfield is the kind of a clean-cut, honest and upright man that the people want and they are not going to be fooled this time into turning him down on the flimsy assertions that he is a straddler. These same newspapers fooled the people two years ago but they can't do it again.

There has never been in all history any great popular movement that was not caused by some great social or economic injustice, and the size of the movement is in direct proportion to that injustice, and to the intellectual development of the people upon whom the injustice has been inflicted. No man, nor set of men, have been powerful or popular enough to incite popular revolt against existing conditions unless there be underlying abuses—real abuse, not fancied. And, furthermore, no man nor set of men have ever been able to thwart permanently the correction of these abuses if they are fundamentally antagonistic to the evolutionary development of society. Washington did not cause the war of the Revolution; he was merely an instrument in its success. Taxation without representation was the injustice that made the movement successful. Had not the greed and selfishness of George III existed and his desire to operate the government as he saw fit, the whole course of history would have been changed and with the proper exercise of the governing authority by George III, this country would probably to-day have been under British rule. Lincoln did not cause the Civil war. This was caused by the injustice of human slavery; the placing of property rights over human rights. Lincoln was in this case merely the efficient agency in stopping this injustice. And so with every great movement of national size, both at home and abroad. And to-day the great progressive movement is the result of abuse—the abuse of taxation without representation. The Republican party controlled by Penrose, Barnes, Gallinger, Crane, etc., and the Democratic party dominated by Murphy, Sullivan, Taggart, Ryan, etc., do not represent the people of this country—and no power, no force, and no amount of money can prevent the elimination of the system that these men have perfected. It is true that all the forces standing against the correction of this abuse may delay its elimination, but it cannot prevent its success except temporarily, for the principle of representative government is basic to our civilization.

Roosevelt is merely the agent through which the results may be attained but without him, while the movement would be checked, it would not long be delayed, for the times make the mind and not the men the times. A man may hasten results by bringing specific instances of the injustice to the attention of the people, but he can not create unrest without good cause for that unrest.

The public has been edified during the past week with one of the last gasps of the dying old machine. We refer to the attacks made on the personal character and honesty of the pre-emptors of the legislative and senatorial part of the Washington party ticket, by stating that Mr. Hilton controlled these men through his business connections and personal friendship with them. These machine men fail to realize, apparently, how ridiculous they become when they question motives of men, most of whom have never been identified with politics and stand high in their community in their record for honesty and square dealing. Usually the dishonest man is the first to question the integrity of his neighbor, and when his neighbor has lived a life of honesty, charges of this character make their authors the laughing stock of their readers. "Oh, wad some power the gift to gi'e us, to see ourselves as ithers see us." Perhaps a little history of the action and cause for the action of the pre-emptors might be interesting to our readers. In the first place, when it became apparent that there would be a progressive party in our nation, henchmen of Mr. Penrose patented all names and combinations which contained the word "progressive" in order that the citizens of our State would be prevented from voting any ticket under the title that would probably be adopted by the national party and not for any use by the Penrose machine; thus by confusing honest voters thwarting the will of the people, thereby preserving their rule of the state and continue the making of laws for the Standard Oil and Pennsylvania railroad, instead of for the people. Among the names thus patented by these machine henchmen were Roosevelt Party, Roosevelt Progressive Party, Progressive Roosevelt Party, National Progressive and Progressive National Party, etc., in all about 50 different titles. When this contemptable procedure was discovered, the men at the head of the progressive movement went over all the names patented and finding the title "Washington Party" had not been obtained in any county or district in the State, they then notified a man who could be depended upon in every district and county in the State "that on a certain day he would receive an important paper and to be sure to be at home to receive it." These men knew nothing about what name was chosen. When these papers were received, with them were found instructions to obtain seven unquestioned progressive men who were uncorruptible and who stood unquestioned for the people. Mr. Mayo who received these papers, at once requested James McKean, E. W. Workley, Dr. H. L. McCoy, E. H. French, Henry J. Rice, D. M. Cooper and Oscar Engstrom to come to his office, where he explained the situation to them. The papers were signed, and Mr. Mayo drove to Port Allegany to mail them in order that they reach Harrisburg at the proper time. This action was taken simultaneously in every county in the state and miscarried in but two instances, and in these two Penrose men are now fraudulently preventing the progressives from voting for whom they desire. After the name had been thus secured, the local pre-emptors met and after perfecting their organization they unanimously agreed to keep a set of records containing the statements of all men called before the body during its deliberations, so that reference could at all times be had for the action of the committee.

On the request of The Miner, we were permitted to examine their records. These records are complete and show statements of all individuals called before them from all parts of the county and senatorial district. As an illustration, we quote the following extract from their meeting of August 23rd:

"* * * * Afterward a discussion was entered into regarding the endorsement of a representative to the State Senate. It was stated by Mr. Workley, 'that while the pre-emptors of the party name might have legal powers to arbitrarily place upon the ticket any one whom they desired, that an action of this nature was contrary to the spirit of progressiveness and opposed to the real principles of the Washington party, it was therefore necessary for each man to eliminate personal views as far as possible, therefore it seems advisable to notify progressives in the district to obtain as nearly as possible the sentiment of the progressives of their locality concerning the action desired to be taken by the pre-emptors and to invite the representatives from Potter, Tioga and McKean counties to discuss the situation with us.' It was thereupon moved by Dr. McCoy that a committee be instructed to take this action and invite representatives from each county in accordance with Mr. Workley's statement. Motion seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried."

This method of procedure was fully carried out, as is evidenced in the minutes and goes to show that the real spirit of progressiveness was held by these men and we are satisfied that in so far as possible they have acted impersonally, as they believed best.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Mrs. C. C. Choate entertained a large party of ladies at Bridge Whist at her home on Pike street last evening.

—Mrs. W. L. Hammar entertained a party of ladies at Bridge Whist at her home on West Main street Monday evening.

—The steel girders for the new manufacturing plant of Holmes & Gilfillan have arrived and again the work is going on rapidly.

—Mrs. R. C. Sasse was in Olean Tuesday and Wednesday where her daughter, Maxine, was operated upon for enlarged tonsils.

—A meeting of the Modern Woodmen will be held Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Kerns' hall. All members are requested to be present.

—The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church gave a chain tea in the chapel Tuesday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30. It is reported to have been a very pleasant social event.

—Mrs. Ellie Beever has sold the Leader-Despatch newspaper published by her at Galeton, Pa., by Messrs. Charles F. Rugaber, W. W. Schwarzenbach and M. J. Handwerk, of that place.

—The October term of Criminal Court will convene at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Rosario Gigliotte, charged with the murder of Grace Graham Bigler and Anthony Rohnen of Bradford last December will be tried at this time.

—The annual session of the McKean County Teachers institute will be held the week beginning Nov. 4, and County Supt. C. W. Lillibridge has excellent talent engaged for the week's instruction and entertainment. Among the instructors are Prof. Green of West Chester normal, a great favorite in McKean county institutes; ex-State Superintendent Patingill of Michigan and Miss Schrieber of New York city. Dr. Sparks of State college will also be one of the speakers.

—The Portville and Smethport baseball teams will play on Sunday at the fair grounds, weather permitting. Portville has several Canadian league players and should put up a fast game. Every lover of the sport should turn out as this will probably be the last game of the season.

—The first regular meeting of the Travellers' Club for the ensuing year will occur at the club house on Saturday, at 3 p. m. A general social afternoon has been arranged for, tea will be served and Club work discussed, this being the annual President's Day. All members are requested to be present.

—Work on the exterior of Scott F. Redfield's new printing plant is nearly completed and within a month the interior work will be far enough advanced so they can commence moving in machinery. When completed and equipped this will be one of the most up-to-date publishing plants in this section of the state.

—The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will give a social at the chapel of the M. E. church Saturday evening, Oct. 5. Refreshments will be served and there will be a short program consisting of readings, music and the delegates to the county convention at Kushequa will give their report. Everybody is invited to attend.

—Last Thursday afternoon, while unloading a heavy piece of steel framework for Holmes & Gilfillan's new building, the piece toppled over and caught C. H. Beckwith between it and the car, bruising one of his legs quite badly. A Mr. Rice, of Olean, was also thrown in such a manner that his back was painfully injured. Mr. Rice is now confined at his home but Mr. Beckwith is able to attend to his work.

—Friends and relatives in this community were shocked to learn that Edna Covely, the eight-year-old daughter of Mrs. George Covely, died at her home in Johnsonburg, on Friday morning of last week, the cause of her death being diphtheria. Mrs. Covely is doubly afflicted, as her husband died only about three months ago.

—The Smethport Window Glass factory has been shut down for repairs and we understand these repairs will take two or three months. This has been a machine factory for several years past and the machines as installed have not given perfect satisfaction, but when these repairs are made these difficulties are expected to be overcome. The bent glass plant in connection with this factory will continue operations during the shut-down.

—Dorman Dare, the two and a half year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dare, died at the home of his parents in Eldred on Saturday, after an illness of nine days of cholerainfantum. The remains were brought to Smethport on Monday and the funeral services were held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Thos. J. McDermott on West Main street, Rev. W. E. Van Dyke officiating. His remains were laid at rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

—"Madame Sherry" was the first attraction at the Smethport Lyceum this year and a fairly good sized audience appeared for this production Monday evening. The company is composed of as clever actors and actresses as ever appeared before a Smethport audience and the management of the Lyceum is to be congratulated on securing such an excellent company. All the leading parts were exceptionally well taken and the chorus was up to the standard in their songs and dances. Miss Bernice McCabe, as Yvonne Sherry; Bert Merker, as Theophilus Sherry, and Robert H. Wilson, as Edouard Sherry, were exceptionally strong in their parts and they with others in leads received numerous curtain calls. If Smethport could be given this sort of high class entertainment it would soon regain its reputation as a good show town.

FASHION, FACTS AND FANCIES.

As Described by One Who Knows.

Charmiense and Crepe-de-chine hold sway as dress materials. Pleats and draperies are the features of these new numbers. Velvets and corduroys are assured. Sufficient business has been done this season to warrant the feeling that they will enjoy a good run this fall and winter.

Semi-tailored waists are much in vogue. These models appeal to the average buyer as it features the Robespiere collar.

Taupe shades are meeting with much favor and combinations of black and white with the amber trimmings are very popular.

Laces are being used largely for trimmings of gowns and waists. The Coantilly, Bolerian, Irish, Venise, Clany and Shadow effects being the most popular.

The practical fall coat is three-quarter and seven-eighths length and is made of Serges, Bedford Cloth, Double Faced Cloths and Mannish Mixtures. For misses and young women the Mackinaw is meeting with popular favor.

The dress skirts are narrow and in most cases are draped. Many pleated skirts are shown, while the braid bound coats are selling well where the plain tailored effects are not desired.

The fall millinery will delight the hearts of all women. In any case it is the master mind that planned the hat and the most clever and subtle of Parisian fingers have carried out the designs. The tailored and dress hats are dreams and are moderately priced.

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Prepare for the event by buying a Duntley Vaccum Cleaner of me. They are guaranteed to suit you or money refunded. Price $9.75 and $11.75.

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John A. Swan will be at the store of M. L. Armstrong where he will be prepared to do all kinds of repairing and optical work. Your patronage solicited. All work guaranteed. 1t

DR. McCLARAN,

The Bradford Osteopath, will be in Smethport every Tuesday and Friday till further notice. Calls will reach him at the Grand Central hotel.

TO SAVE A GIRL.

Brave Newsboy Allowed His Leg to be Amputated.

Gary, Ind., Sept. 29.—That a girl whom he had never seen until she was placed at his side on a hospital operating table might live, William Rugh, Jr., a Gary, Ind., newsboy, today allowed his crippled leg to be amputated and the skin grafted to the limbs of Miss Ethel Smith, "the prettiest girl in Gary."

Both Rugh and the girl will live.

Less than five weeks ago Miss Smith who is 18 years old, was severely burned while riding with Riley Roberts, her sweetheart, on his motorcycle.

Though pitifully frail and emaciated by intense suffering, the plucky girl refused to accept Rugh's offer until last Friday. Her condition was becoming rapidly worse and Dr. J. A. Craig, who performed the operation, was hastily summoned from Lebanon, Pa., Saturday.

The meeting between the crippled newsboy and Miss Smith on the operating table at the Gary General hospital was dramatic. Miss Smith was in tears.

"Oh, I just cannot let you do this for me," she sobbed. "Why, you have never even seen me. It is too much to ask such a sacrifice."

Both were visibly embarrassed, but Rugh was the calmer of the two.

"My leg," he declared, "has never been anything but a burden to me. I am only too happy to know that it will be of some service to you."

Both Miss Smith and Rugh were placed under anaesthetics.

Long strips of flesh, each an inch wide, were taken from the crippled leg of the newsboy, dipped into a saline solution and bound to the limbs of Miss Smith. A total of 150 square inches of skin was transferred.

SARAH BERNHARDT TO WRITE EXCLUSIVELY FOR PITTSBURGH POST.

The Great Actress Will Choose Her Own Topics Each Day. Begins Monday, Oct. 7.

SECURED AT GREAT COST.

The greatest emotional actress in the history of the world, the divine Sarah Bernhardt, has consented to write an article every day during the coming year, exclusively for The Pittsburgh Post. Her services have been secured at enormous cost and The Pittsburgh Post made a splendid treat for its readers as one of the many features that make that newspaper famous.

Madame Bernhardt will touch on any subject she chooses and the remarkable Frenchwoman's writing will be read with avidity by the thousands of readers of The Pittsburgh Post.

If you are not a regular reader of The Pittsburgh Post you had better order that newspaper from your news dealer at once, as you will not want to miss a single one of the Bernhardt articles.

The Pittsburgh Post is one of the great daily newspapers of America, full of a fine variety of features, including the famous green sporting sheet. Its news service is unexcelled. If you want to follow the election campaign and get the complete news written without bias, be sure to get The Pittsburgh Post.

Remember, the Bernhardt articles begin Monday, October 7, and will appear every day, including Sunday, thereafter, in The Post.

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Four furnished rooms for housekeeping. For particulars inquire at James T. Chisholm's tailor shop.

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Special Two Day Exhibition, Oct. 8 & 9, 1912

Mr. E. C. Thomas, representing a large Cloak and Suit manufacturing house will be at our store on above dates with an immense shock of ready-to-wear garments for Ladies, Misses and Children.

This is an extraordinary opportunity and assuring you that it will be to your advantage to attend this sale, we urge your presence.

Combining our own stock, the product of the same makers, with this special showing affords you a most unusual opportunity in choice of styles and qualities.

With the makers aiding us in this way we are able to offer much better values and promise you substantial savings.

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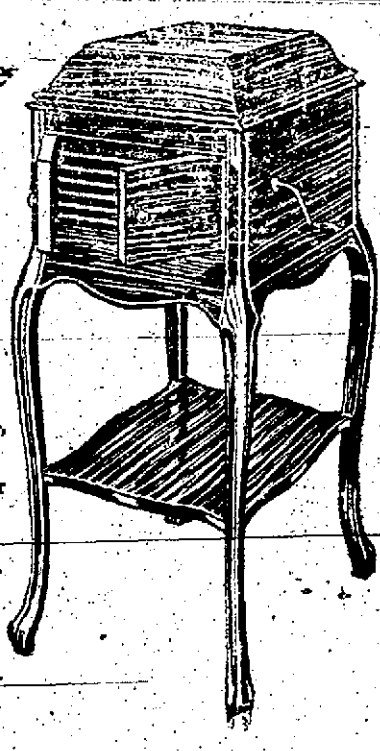

Tying Up the Dog.

Having bought a dog that he admired, a man of obstinate will undertook to buy a dog collar. The dog had a neck nearly as big as his head, and the dealer advised the man to buy two collars.

"What for?" said the man. "He's got only one neck, so I guess he can get along with only one collar, can't he?"

"Maybe so," said the dealer. So the man went away leading the dog by his new collar and chain.

In less than a week he brought the dog back.

"I'm afraid I can't keep him," he said. "He's too obstropulous. I can't keep him tied up. His neck is the biggest part of him, and he is as strong as an ox. Therefore it is a cinch for him to slip his collar off."

"That was why I wanted you to take two collars," said the dealer. "Put both on and fasten the chain to the back collar, and he can tug all night without getting loose. He may commit suicide, but he won't get loose."—New York Times.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Letters of Administration on the estate of W. H. Knight, late of the borough of Smethport, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them to the undersigned, properly authenticated, for settlement.

MRS. JESSIE M. KNIGHT,
Smethport, Pa. Sept. 17th, 1912.-6t

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

Letters Testamentary on the estate of Mary Monta, late of the Borough of Smethport, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims or demands against the same will present them to the undersigned, properly authenticated for settlement.

ROSENIA CURTIS.
Smethport, Pa., September 19, 1912.—6t

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.

William T. Burgess
vs.
Della B. Burgess.

No. 8, February Term, 1912.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, greeting:

Whereas, William T. Burgess did, on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1911, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth, he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Della B. Burgess.

We therefore command you, the said Della B Burgess, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the first Monday of October next, to answer the petition or libel of William T. Burgess and show cause, if any you have, why the said William T. Burgess, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

M. C. BAIN, Sheriff.
Smethport, Pa., September 12, 1912.
W. J. Milliken, Libellant's Attorney.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponas, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed I will expose it public sale in the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1912,

at 1 o'clock p. m., the following described pieces of property, to-wit:

1.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the Borough of Kane, McKean County, and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrants No 3210 and 3166 being Lot No 93 and one foot off on the East side of Lot No 91 on Hayard street in the said Borough of Kane. Bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the North line of Hayard Street, 151 feet westwardly from the northwest corner Hayard and Yarnall streets thence North 29 degrees West 115 feet to the South line of an alley; thence by the same parallel to Hayard street South 70 degrees west 31 feet; thence parallel to Yarnall street, south 20 degrees East, 115 feet to the north line of Hayard street; thence by the same (being from the course line thereof) north 70 degrees E. 31 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 3565 square feet more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to the said Ralph P. Verdon by Frank W. Pritchard and wife by deed dated January 11th, 1909, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 169, Page 428, McKean County Records.

Improved and having thereon erected two two-story frame dwelling houses and one barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of R. P. Verdon & E. Verdon at suit of Andrew Campbell, now by substitution Mary McCabe, et al, Exrs.

Sheldon Gorton, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

2

Defendant's interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner of Mechanic, now South Avenue, and Forest street; thence west one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet along said Forest street; thence south fifty (50) feet to lot No 105; thence east along line of said lot No 105 one hundred twenty-five (125) feet to Mechanic street, now South Avenue; thence north along said Mechanic street, now South Avenue fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning. Being lot No 104 in the Charles D. Noyes plan of lots as surveyed by Jno. W. Weeks, and the same property conveyed to Martha Neal by Annie Hathway by deed dated March 1st, 1880, and recorded in Deed Book Vol 98, Page 345, etc. Being improved and having erected thereon one two-story frame dwelling.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Martha Neal at suit of Sarah A. Hewett Exr's. of the estate of John P. Heath, deceased.

Jones & Wick, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

3

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate in the village of Hazelhurst, Township of Hamilton, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point the northwest corner of Main street and Harrison avenue in said village of Hazelhurst; thence westerly along the northerly line of Main street fifty (50) feet to a point, thence northerly at right angles with Main street and parallel with Harrison Avenue one ninety (90) feet to a point; thence easterly at right angles with Harrison avenue and parallel with Main street fifty (50) feet to a point, the place of beginning. Being lot Number Four (4) on the revised map of Hazelhurst, Pa., as surveyed, staked out and mapped by A. G. McComb, C. E., July, 1903, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county, in Deed Book Vol 95, Page 500.

Being part of the same premises devised to Clarissa F. Hazelton by the last will and testament of Benjamin P. Hazelton, deceased.

Excepting and reserving nevertheless, out of this grant to Clarissa F. Hazelton her heirs and assigns forever, all the gas, petroleum, oil, coals, metals and metallic ores and minerals, in, under and upon the land herein described as reserved by Clarissa F. Hazelton in Deed to John P. Herrick, dated Feb. 23, 1899, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 104, page 347 in the Recorder's office at Smethport, McKean county, Penna., to which deed reference is made for full description of reserve then made.

And being the same premises conveyed by John P. Herrick and wife to F. T. Anderson by deed dated Sept. 14, 1908, and recorded in Deed Book Vol. 148, page 73, etc., reference to which being had will more fully and at large appear.

Improved with one two-story frame dwelling.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Frank T. Anderson, at suit of Albert Anderson.

W. L. Keenan, Plaintiff's Attorney.

4.

Defendant's interest in all that piece of land situate in Port Allegany Borough, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the east side of of Volney street, distant north 21 degrees west, 16 rods from the north line of Frances avenue; thence north 69 degrees east, 8.5 rods to the west line of an alley; thence along said west line of alley north 21 degrees west, four rods; thence south 69 degrees west, 8.5 rods to the east line of Volney street; thence along same south 21 degrees east four rods to the place of beginning. Containing 34 square rods of land, be the same more or less. Being lot No. 3 in Block 17 in A. M. Benton's addition to Port Allegany Borough. Being improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Charles H. Sherrie, Defendant, with notice to A. J. Straub, Terre Tenant, at suit of Security Building and Savings Union.

C. W. Catlin, Plaintiff's Attorney.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel and lot of land in the village of Port Allegany, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: viz.:

Beginning at a post corner in the line of the Coudersport and Port Allegany Railroad; thence easterly along the said railroad, 42 rods to a post corner; thence northerly four rods to a post corner in center of public highway at Main street; thence westerly 42 rods along centre of said highway or street to a post corner; thence southerly to the place of beginning. Containing one (1) acre and eight (8) square perches of land, be the same more or less.

Being improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. B. Chandler at suit of John E. Duensbury, Executor.

C. W. Catlin, Plaintiff's Attorney.

6.

Defendant's interest in, First, all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the Borough of Kane, McKean County and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 3210 being lot No. 66 Biddle street. Bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post in the south line of Biddle street one hundred ten feet (110 ft.) eastwardly from the intersection of the east line of Edgar street produced thence by the south line of Biddle street (thirty feet from the center thereof) north seventy degrees fifty-five minutes west fifty feet (N. 70 degrees 55 minutes W. 50 ft.) to a post; thence by land of Hoffer south twenty degrees east one hundred forty-one feet (S. 20 degrees E. 141 ft.) to a post thence parallel to the Pittsburg & Western railway (thirty feet from the center of Main track) westwardly about fifty feet to a post thence by land under contract to the Free Swede Church north twenty degrees west one hundred forty-one feet (N. 20 degrees W. 145 ft.) to the place of beginning. Containing seven thousand feet one hundred fifty square feet (7,150 sq. ft.) more or less, being the same property conveyed to James H. Grant by Elizabeth D. Kane, by deed bearing date March 25, 1896, and recorded in Deed Book Vol 88, page 2nd, &c. Improved and having thereon erected one two story dwelling houses and subject to the exceptions, conditions, restrictions or reservations mentioned in above named deed.

Second. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate in Wetmore Township, McKean County and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. [illegible] bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post corner standing in the north and southern boundary of the right of way of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company and running thence north forty-five rods to the centre of the Ridgway & Kane State road; thence along same by its various courses in a westerly direction one hundred rods to the corner, (post standing at the north side of road); thence north one hundred twenty-eight rods to a post and stones corner; thence west eleven and seventy-six rods to a post and stones corner, standing at a small brook; thence south one hundred and two rods to the centre of said road; thence south twenty eight degrees fifteen minutes west, seventy-two rods to a post and stones corner in the aforesaid boundary line of the right of way of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad; thence along same in an easterly direction one hundred seventy-five and three-tenths rods to the place of beginning, containing seventy acres of land, more or less.

Excepting and reserving therefrom the following described piece of land conveyed by J. H. Grant and wife and the First National Bank of Kane to the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Company, a corporation by deed dated October 24th, 1907 and containing about one acre of land, and recorded in McKean County records in Deed Book 145, page 99.

Also excepting and reserving therefrom about ten acres conveyed by J. H. Grant and George Wallace Hilliard to Kane Block Company, and recorded in McKean County records in Deed Book 133, page 177.

Third. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the Borough of Kane County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, being part of subdivision No 82, warrant 2489, and being lot No 65 as per plan of lots surveyed by W. J. Dill in 1909, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post at the southeast corner of Elk avenue and Oak street; thence in an easterly direction along the south line of Oak street sixty-five feet to a post; thence in a southerly direction parallel to Elk Avenue, one hundred forty feet to the north line of an alley ten feet wide; thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said alley, sixty-five feet to a post in the east line of Elk avenue, thence in a northerly direction along the east line of Elk avenue one hundred forty feet to a post at the place of beginning. Containing 9100 square feet, more or less, and having thereon erected one frame dwelling house. Being the same piece of land conveyed by the Kane Land & Improvement Company, by deed bearing date March 27th 1901, to Minnie Johnson.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Margaret Strait, Administratrix of the estate of J. H. Strait, deceased, at suit of W. S. Calderwood, Cashier, and others

A. P. Huey, Plaintiff's Attorney

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Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the Borough of Kane County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 3210 being lot No. 69 Hacker street, bounded and described as follows. Beginning at a post in the west line of Hacker street two hundred fifty feet north of the northwest corner of Hacker and Haines streets, being the northeast corner of lot No 67; thence by said lot No. 67, south seventy degrees west one hundred feet to a post; thence north seventy degrees west one hundred feet to a post; thence north seventy degrees east one hundred feet to a post; thence by the west line of Hacker street (thirty feet from the center line thereof) south twenty degrees east fifty feet to the place of beginning,—containing 5,000 square feet of land, more or less, together with one frame dwelling house and other improvements thereon. Being the same piece of land conveyed by Robert C. Sharp and Ellen Sharp, his wife, to H. H. Clayson, by deed dated March 5, 1900, recorded in the Recorder's Office of McKean County, in Deed Book Vol. 110, page 54, etc, and subject to any exceptions, conditions, restrictions or reservations mentioned or referred to in last above named conveyance; and being the same premises described in an article of agreement made between H. Clayson and Annie Moulton, dated July 16, 1901.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Mrs. Annie Moulton at suit of H. H. Clayson

R. J. Campbell, Plaintiff's Attorney.

8.

Defendant's interest in, Beginning at a post on the east side of Kennedy street at the northwest corner of lot of H. L. McMullin, eighty hundred (8000) feet northerly from Jackson avenue; thence northeasterly along line of said McMullin lot ninety (90) feet to a post; thence northwesterly twenty-five (25) feet to the southeasterly corner of lot heretofore conveyed to Wollman; thence southwesterly by line of said Wollman lot ninety (90) feet to Kennedy street; thence southeasterly along the east line of Kennedy street twenty-five feet to the place of beginning. Being the same piece of property conveyed to E. H. Osgood by A. Miller & Son Lumber Company, a corporation, by deed dated Aug. 26th, 1910, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of McKean County Sept. 9th, 1910.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. H. Osgood at suit of The Bradford Building, Loan & Saving Association of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

H. M. Wick, Plaintiff's Attorney.

9.

Defendants' interest in all that piece and parcel of land in the Borough of Port Allegany, McKean County and State of Pennsylvania:—Beginning at a post in the southeast corner of lot No. 17 deeded to Mesereve; thence north twenty-eight and one-half (28½) degrees east ten (10) perches to a post in the northeast corner of same in the center of Vine street; thence by the center thereof north sixty-one and one-half (61½) degrees east five perches to a post, the northeast corner of lot No. 19, deeded to Norris H. Trude; thence south twenty-eight and one-half (28½) degrees east ten perches to a post, the southeast corner of the same; thence south sixty and one-half degrees (61½) degrees west five (5) perches to the place of beginning, containing fifty square perches and Lot No. 18 of the allotment of V. B. Vanderhule. Improved, having erected thereon one two-story frame dwelling with wing attached, one large office building; one frame barn and usual outbuildings, well of water fruit and shade trees.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Simon B. Stevens M. D., and Maria R. Stevens at suit of The First National Bank of Port Allegany.

Samuel W. Smith, Plaintiff's Attorney.

10.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, belonging to the said E. D. Kane, as owner or reputed owner, situate in the fourth ward of the Borough of Kane, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the north side of Sedgwick street, between Welsh street and Dawson street, fronting fifty feet on said Sedgwick street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the north line of Sedgwick street two hundred fifty feet west of the northwest corner of Sedgwick street and Welsh street, being also the southwest corner of land of Peter Grosean; thence west along the north line of Sedgwick street fifty feet; thence northward at right angles to said north line of Sedgwick street one hundred forty-five feet; thence eastward, parallel to said north line of Sedgwick street fifty feet; thence southward, at right angles to said north line of Sedgwick street, one hundred forty-five feet to the place of beginning.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Thomas L. Kane, Executor and Trustee of E. D. Kane Estate, owner or reputed owner, at suit of The Borough of Kane

F. J. Woods, Plaintiff's Attorney.

11.

Defendants' interest in all that certain city lot or parcel of ground situate on the west side of Sanford street, in the City of Bradford, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows,

Beginning at a post on the west side of Sanford street, said post being the northeast corner of the lot herein described and the southeast corner of the lot covered by Sophronous A. Mundy and Florance H. Mundy to Alice J. Dean; thence westerly along the south line of the said Dean lot one hundred and five (105) feet to an iron post; thence southerly thirty-seven and sixty-five hundredths (37.65) feet to an iron post; thence in an easterly direction parallel with the first line of lot herein described one hundred and three and thirty-five hundredths (103.35) feet to an iron post on the west side of Sanford street; thence north along the west side of Sanford street thirty-seven and seventenths (37.7) feet to the place of beginning

Improved and having thereon a two-story frame dwelling house

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Lotta M. Davis and Charles A. Davis at suit of Sophronous A. Mundy

Brown & Schoonmaker, Plaintiff's Attys.

12.

Defendant's interest in all that certain parcel or lot of land situate in the City of Bradford County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania:—Beginning at a post in the south side of Elgett street 75 minutes east of the southeast corner of Hilton and Elgett streets; thence southerly 75 minutes at right angles to said Elgett street; thence easterly parallel with said Elgett street 25 minutes; thence northerly at right angles to said Elgett street 75 minutes to a line in said Elgett street, thence along said Elgett street 25 minutes to the place of beginning being the same land conveyed by Frank Jordon and wife to Joseph Serbin (otherwise known as Gieseppi Serbin) by deed dated May 11, 1907.

Improved and having thereon erected one two story frame dwelling house and usual out buildings

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Gieseppi Serbin at suit of Pasquale Serbin.

Brown & Schoonmaker, Plaintiff's Attys

M. C. BAIN,
Sheriff.

Smethport, Pa., September 17, 1912.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof —

That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiency in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars," be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, supress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed, in the aggregate at any one time, one million of dollars. Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.

ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section seven, article three, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relating to taxation.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Amendment to Article Three, Section Seven.

Section 2. Amend section seven, article three of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:—

"Section 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creation, extension, or impairing of liens:

"Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts:

"Changing the names of persons or places:

"Changing the venue incivil or criminal cases:

"Authorising the laying out, opening, altering, or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys:

"Relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form boundaries between this and any other State:

"Vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys:

"Relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State:

"Authorizing the adoption or legitimating of children:

"Locating or changing county-seats, erecting new counties, or changing county lines:

"Incorporating cities, towns or villages, or changing their charters:

"For the opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the place of voting:

"Granting divorces:

"Erecting new townships or boroughs, changing township lines, borough limits or school districts:

"Creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election and school districts:

"Changing the law of—descent or succession:

"Regulating the practice or jurisdiction of, or changing the rules of evidence in, any judicial proceeding or inquiry before courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, sheriffs, commissioners, arbitrators, auditors, masters in chancery, or other tribunals or providing or changing methods for the collection of debts, or the enforcement of judgments, or prescribing the effect of judicial sales of real estate:

"Regulating the fees, or extending the powers and duties of aldermen, justices of the peace, magistrates or constables:

"Regulating the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school houses and the raising of money for such purposes:

"Fixing the rate of interest:

"Affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment:

"Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the treasury:

"Exempting property from taxation:

"Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing:

"Creating corporations, or amending, renewing or extending the charters thereof:

"Granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege or immunity, or to any corporation, association or individual the right to lay down a railroad track.

"Nor shall the General Assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the partial repeal of a general law; but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed.

"Nor shall any law be passed granting powers and privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked for," so as to read as follows —

Section 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creation, extension or impairing of liens:

Regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts:

Changing the names of persons or places:

Changing of venue in civil or criminal cases:

Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys:

Relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form boundaries between this and any other State:

Vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys:

Relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State:

Authorizing the adoption, or legitimation of children:

Locating or changing county-seats, erecting new counties, or changing county lines:

Incorporating cities, towns or villages, by changing their charters:

For the opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the place of voting:

Granting divorces:

Erecting new townships or boroughs, changing township lines, borough limits or school districts.

Creating offices, or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election or school districts:

Changing the law of descent or succession:

Regulating the practice or jurisdiction of, or changing the rules of evidence in, any judicial proceeding or inquiry before courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, sheriffs, commissioners, arbitrators, auditors, masters in chancery, or other tribunals, or providing or changing methods for the collection of debts, or the enforcement of judgments, or prescribing the effect of judicial sales of real estate:

Regulating the fees, or extending the powers and duties of aldermen, justices of the peace, magistrates or constables:

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Fixing the rate of interest:

Affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment:

Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the treasury:

Exempting property from taxation:

Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing; but the legislature may regulate and fix the wages or salaries, the hours of work or labor, and make provision for the protection welfare and safety or persons employed by the State, or by any county, city, borough, town, township, school district, village, or other civil division of the State, or by any contractor or sub-contractor performing work, labor or services for the State, or for any county, city, borough, town, township school district, village or other civil division thereof:

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A true copy of Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Number Three,

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section three of article eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (if the Senate concur), That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

Article IX.

Section 15. No obligations which have been heretofore issued, or which may hereafter be issued, by any county or municipality, other than Philadelphia, to provide for the construction or acquisition of waterworks, subways, under-ground railways or street railways, or the appurtenances thereof, shall be considered as a debt of a municipality, within the meaning of section eight of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania or of this amendment, if the net revenue derived from said property for a period of five years either before or after the acquisition thereof, or, where the same is constructed by the county or municipality, after the completion thereof, shall have been sufficient to pay interest and sinking-fund charges during said period upon said obligations, or if the said obligations shall be secured by liens upon the respective properties, and shall impose no municipal liability. Where municipalities of counties shall issue obligations to provide for the construction of property, as herein provided, said municipalities or counties may also issue obligations to provide for the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing thereon until said properties shall have been completed and in operation for a period of one year; and said municipalities and counties shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges, as required by section ten of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania until after said properties shall have been operated by said counties of municipalities during said period of one year. Any of the said municipalities or counties may incur indebtedness in excess of seven per centum, and not exceeding ten per centum, of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, if said increase of indebtedness shall have been assented to by three-fifths of the electors voting at a public election, in such manner as shall be provided by law.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No 5.

ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Four.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to section one of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, relating to taxation.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

Section 2. Amend section one of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows:

"All taxes shall be uniform, upon the same class of subjects, within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws; but the General Assembly may, by general laws, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity," so as to read as follows:

All taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects, within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws, and the subjects of taxation may be classified for the purpose of laying graded or progressive taxes, but the General Assembly may, by general law, exempt from taxation public property used for public purposes, actual places of religious worship, places of burial not used or held for private or corporate profit, and institutions of purely public charity.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.

ROBERT McAFEE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Five.

A JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:

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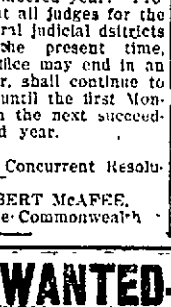

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McKean County Miner

Smethport, Thursday, Oct. 3, 1912.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Now for the harvest of the nut crop

—At last we have had two bright days in succession.

—Read what Daly & Garlick have to say in their advertising space this week.

—Mrs. Robert King has had a new cement sidewalk laid in front of her home on Main street.

—Mrs. W. S. Palmer enertrained the Bridge Whist Club at her home on Main street yesterday afternoon.

—Monheimer does not believe in charging fancy prices for his goods. Read his advertisement for the reason why.

—There will be no preaching at the M. E. church Sunday morning or evening, as the pastor is in Buffalo, attending conference. Sunday school at 12 o'clock.

—A noted medical authority says that hot baths are a sure cure for delerium tremens. He says the patient should be put in water as hot as he can stand it and kept there until his illusions disappear.

—Dominick Modeska, who is alleged to have killed a fellow-soldier in Motta Santa Lucia, Calabria, Italy, and afterwards to have slain a fellow-workman at Johnsonburg, Pa., was arrested in Chicago last Thursday by Italian detectives in the police department of that city.

—Miss Elma Meier, the eighteen-year-old girl who made the sixty-foot dive into a small tank of water at Coudersport during Old Home week, was killed at Warren, Ohio, last week. She made a small miscalculation and struck the edge of the tank. Her father and her brother have been previously killed in the same manner.

—Allentown Democrat: The Democrat would remind the farmers that a system of good roads will add materially to the value of the property in rural communities. Besides this, better roads will tend to cheapen the cost of produce, the farmer and trucker will be able to bring their wares to the city markets in less time and in greater quantities than under present conditions. Farm life would be stimulated and labor would profit financially.

—The Miner is in receipt of an announcement of the marriage of Dr Henry A. Eastman of Jamestown, N. Y., and Miss Florence Adaline Penoy of Cobb, N. Y., on Saturday, September 28, 1912. Dr. Eastman is a former Smethport man and is a brother of John B. Eastman, our present register of wills and clerk of the orphans' court, and he has many friends here who will unite with The Miner in wishing he and his wife a long life of happiness.

—Williamsport Gazette: The people of Lycoming and other counties in this part of Pennsylvania are awakening to the value of improved roads, but there are many who still fail to realize the great loss that is suffered because of wretched highways (especially when the frost is leaving the ground in the spring) and the makeshift nature of the work that is done upon them, entailing an annual waste of money that should be devoted to improvements that would be of a permanent character.

—From the Bradford Era we take the following which will be of interest to "Buke" Servatius' many friends in Smethport and vicinity: There is on exhibition in the show window of the hardware store of Geo. A. Bodine company a silver loving cup presented to "Buke" Servatius of this city, who for the past season has played first base for the Wheeling, W. Va., team, of the Central League. Mr. Servatius has the reputation of making the most home runs in the league, and hence the cup.

—A condition startling in the extreme has been found in the chestnut timber to the northwest of St. Marys. In the woods belonging to Francis M. Frey, four miles from the town, the Elk county representatives of the Pennsylvania Chestnut Tree Blight Commission has just discovered one of the largest and most virulent infections of the dreaded disease yet found west of the Susquehanna river, says the Ridgway Record. More than a hundred and thirty trees, ranging from three to twenty inches in diameter, are dead or dying. In a corner containing about three acres there is hardly a chestnut tree which does not have at least several branches killed by the diaporthe parasitica.

—Striking the ground with terrific force when the guiding rope of their aeroplane refused to work, Corporal Frank S. Scott, formerly of Ridgway, Pa., was instantly killed Saturday afternoon, and Lieut. L. C. Rockwell, who was in charge of the Wright flyer, was so seriously injured that he died two hours later. The accident occurred at the army aviation grounds of the College Park school, twelve miles from Washington. The machine was demolished. Rockwell, with the body of Corporal Scott, was taken to the Walter Reid hospital. It was found that Lieutenant Rockwell had sustained double fractures of each leg, fractures of the skull and internal injuries.

—We learn from a Paris dispatch that Pierre Laurent has traded his worn-out stomach for the stomach of an anthropoid ape. He tested his new digestive apparatus by getting drunk and the test is said to be very satisfactory. The surgical operation, performed by Dr. Roulies at the Hospital of Agen, is the sensation of Paris. Laurent, who is a prosperous farmer of Agen, remained in the hospital 25 days. His stomach, which was from a two-year-old ape, fitted perfectly in the 27-year-old man.

—A ruling of great interest to country banks has been laid down by Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, in an address delivered to a gathering of National bank examiners. On and after October 1, he said, he desired that at the examination of all country banks the board of directors shall be convened and the examination of assets made in their presence. He has notified banks of this by letter, and in cases where there are out-of-town directors he has been assured that steps will be taken to have at least a quorum present.

—While dragging the Susquehanna river at Williamsport in search of the body of Miss Mary F. Shaw, the Jersey Shore school teacher, who had been drowned by the overturning of a canoe, the grappling hooks caught something which was thought to be the body, but on raising it to the surface it was found to be an uncut roll of carpet which had, without doubt, been carried down the Simemahoning river last fall after the Austin flood. A lady's belt was also found, which, it is believed, came from Austin.—Galeton Leader-Dispatch.

—Frank B. Cummings and L. B. Seibert, attorneys for the Austin Flood Sufferer's association, have brought 21 more suits for death claims arising from the Austin disaster of a year ago. The plaintiff in each suit asks for damages by reason of the loss of some member of the family in the flood that followed the breaking of the Austin dam. The Bayless Pulp & Paper company, and members of the company as individuals, are named as defendants. This makes a total of 80 damage cases arising from the disaster, besides several cases against George C. Bayless and Superintendent Hamlin charging manslaughter.

—The good book says that the man who does not care for or look after the welfare of his family "is worse than an infidel." This may be applied with equal force to the man who takes no interest in the town in which he lives, for in a very real sense the town is his home which he shares with the other people living in it. Therefore, to speak adversely of one's town, to say no word in its favor, to habitually go elsewhere to trade and be indifferent to home business—all this is not only unpatriotic but it is very much the same as if a man should go around to his neighbor's and find fault with his domestic home and every member in it.—Ex.

—Ernest Johnson of Mt. Jewett and a number of people he was hauling up from the fair grounds, had a narrow escape from a terrible death at about five o'clock last Thursday evening. The rain was coming down in torrents and he did not see or hear the Kushequa train as it approached the crossing between the P. R. R. tracks and the bridge, until he was nearly on the track. He had just time to put on his brakes and cramp off sharp to the left when the engine struck the front right wheel and fender of his car, damaging both considerably but did not injure any one in the car. Mr. Johnson and party had a very narrow escape. This is a bad crossing in a busy time like fair week and at such times should have a flagman stationed at it.

—State Zoologist H. A. Surface is responsible for the statement that a man from Lock Haven, Pa., is going through the State selling trees, which he claims are frost-proof, but which statement must not be believed. Doctor Surface says that a few years ago this same man went through Tioga county, selling trees that he claimed were grafted on oak roots to make them borer-proof. The farmers at that time had a great deal of trouble with him, but finally managed to cancel their orders before the trees were delivered. Persons who desire to buy trees should procure them from reliable nurseries, and avoid dealing with the agents whom they do not know, and who can not furnish satisfactory credentials. They should not sign their name to any order or paper until they are entirely satisfied that it cannot be changed into some kind of a note, bill, or order that was not intended.

—Ten thousand wives are wanted by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for 10,000 bachelors living along the line of that system in the country west of the Missouri river. D. Clem. Deaver of Omaha, industrial agent of the railroad, will have charge of the mating, and when he opens his matrimonial agency it will be the biggest thing of its kind in the United States. Thousands of young men who have taken homesteads in the West want wives, but as women are scarce and as there is little chance for these wholesome young men to meet marriageable young women the railroads are going to assist by bringing women to that part of the country and giving them a chance. As we understand the scheme it is not a correspondence matrimonial bureau but a plan whereby marriageable young women of the East may meet marriageable young farmers of the West for the promotion of matrimony.

—A cucumber sold by an Altoona grocer to a customer for 5 cents, which was unfit for food, has proved to be a very expensive sale to the offender. The cucumber had been sold to a girl and when it was brought home and the mother saw it was rotten she sent it back, but the grocer refused to give her another, or to refund the money. Suit was then instituted and the pure food department of the state took up the case, for the purpose of testing the law. The grocer was fined but he appealed to court and had the case tried which resulted in finding him guilty, and a fine of $80 was imposed. This with the costs and the attorney's fees ran his expenses up to $100. He will have to sell quite a big lot of good cucumbers to make up for this attempt to deal dishonestly. Persons who sell rotten lemons, bananas, melons or other fruit might be benefitted by the experience of the Altoona dealer.

—Bradford Sunday Herald: Robert Goodman, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Goodman, of No. 10 Water street, was painfully stabbed in the leg by a companion who lives next door, while the boys were playing in front of the Goodman residence at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The youths became involved in a quarrel and the boy, who is called Lyle, went into his house and procured a knife from his mother. He came over to the Goodman house where the young Goodman boy was sitting on the porch playing with some blocks. The lad with the knife in his hand stabbed the Goodman lad in the right leg just above the ankle. The wound bled profusely and is quite deep and painful, but it is believed the boy will suffer no bad effects. Mrs. Goodman stated to a Herald representative that she did not know the name of the woman whose boy did the stabbing as she had just moved into the neighborhood, but when she learned her name she would issue a warrant for her arrest for furnishing the knife for the cutting.

Where the Fish Bite.

A traveling salesman while in Chicago was invited to a party given by a friend. During supper stories were called for, and he told the following: Two Irishmen were fishing one day in a lake. After nearly all day one of them threw his line far out and, pulling in, he got a strike. After fishing awhile he finally landed a fine fish.

"Oh," said he, "Mike, this is the only place in the lake to fish; we will just mark it." And he cut a notch in the side of the boat.

They all laughed, and the story telling was resumed.

There was one Englishman who kept laughing all the time during the rest of the evening until time to go home, when he came up to the traveling salesman and said: "I was just thinking of the story you told. It was such a funny story. I don't believe I ever heard such a funny story before. Just think, if they had got the wrong boat they would have never known where to fish."—Machinists' Monthly.

Resigned to Take Effect Yesterday.

A Kansas City man said he always preferred red headed office boys to any other kind, as he had found them to be unusually sagacious and alert, but he discovered recently that some of them are too much so. One day, returning from a short out of town trip he went to his office and mentioned interrogatively that Ulysses, his promising assistant, was nowhere in sight, and the stenographer replied that he had not shown up.

Lifting up the last mail on his desk he found a note addressed to him in a very familiar, broad, vertical handwriting.

"Dear Mr. Cross," he read, "please accept my resignation to take effect yesterday. I got a better place with less work and more pay. Respectively, Ulysses S. G. Parker."—Kansas City Star.

Two Jokes From Italy.

A lady testifying in court, when asked her age, replied, "Oh, between thirty-five and fifty."

"There's some difference," said the president ironically. "Don't you know your own age?"

"Excellency," replied the witness, "I count exactly my money, my wash list and my clothes because some one might rob me of them. But as no one can steal from me a year or even a day I do not bother to reckon them."

A doctor, amazed to find a patient in a cold bath, began to scold him.

"What's this?" he said. "Did I order you to take a bath?"

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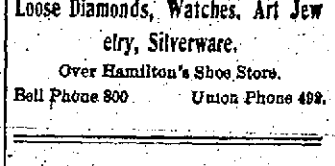

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GROCERIES and PROVISIONS

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. P. Eckels of Kane was in town Monday.

Miss Blanche Mann of Kane attended the fair last week.

A. M. Thamm of Bradford attended the fair last Thursday.

R. E. Burdick was a business visitor in Port Allegany Saturday.

John Mulvihill of Crosby was visiting friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Park of Shinglehouse were Smethport visitors last week.

Mrs. M. Erhart of Colegrove, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Burdick.

Mrs. Brown of Duke Center was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mayo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Chadwick were the guests of Bradford friends over Sunday.

Miss Eva Hopper of Hornell, N. Y., is a guest at the home of her brother, W. B. Hopper.

Miss Lena Bahr of Emporium was the guest of her brother, Albert Miller, over Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Cunningham is spending the week with relatives and friends in Brookville, Pa.

Miss Lillian Royce and Miss Ione Nelson of Eldred were in attendance at the fair Friday.

Mrs. F. E. Baldwin of Austin was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Alice McClure, last week.

Mrs. Maude Hussey of Charleston, W. Va., was the guest of relatives and friends in town last week.

A. S. Donnelly of Glenpool, Okla., is spending a few days with his parents in Keating township.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong of Norwich were in town Monday evening to see "Madame Sherry."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richardson of Kane were guests of relatives and friends in this place last week.

Miss Marion Gallup left Tuesday for Burlington, N. J., where she will be a student at St. Mary's hall.

Mrs. Mary L. Bisset left yesterday for New York city to purchase fall and winter goods for her store.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duchamp and daughter, Maude, left Saturday for an extended visit in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. M. L. Eagan left for Oshkosh, Wis., Tuesday, called there by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Titus and son Bert, have moved to Port Allegany where they expect to reside in the future.

Miss Frances Holsopple returned Monday from Huntingdon where she had been visiting her parents for a few days.

Miss Alberta Cory of Coryville left Monday for Philadelphia, where she will enter Beechwood seminary for a course in music.

John McAlee, who has been visiting Smethport relatives for the past week, returned to his home in Johnsonburg, Saturday.

E. F. Knight of Bradford, candidate for member of assembly on the Washington party ticket, was a visitor in town last Thursday.

Mrs. T. Moore who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Armstrong for the past two weeks left for her home in Emporium to-day.

Rev. J. W. McGavern was in Buffalo this week to attend the annual session of the Genesee conference of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Guy B. Mayo left Saturday for Boston to attend a Masonic convention. He will also visit his sister, Miss Katherine, at Wellesley, Mass.

Mrs. A. M. Thamm and son, John, returned to their home in Bradford Saturday after a two-days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Abbey.

Mrs. William Grandon and son of Tidioute, were guests of Mrs. W. S. Palmer a few days last week, returning home in their automobile last Sunday.

Dr. Burg Chadwick returned home Tuesday evening from Hornell. The doctor is much improved in health, which will be pleasing news to his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stevens and daughter, Dorothy, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Chase returned to their home in New York this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lord of Independence, Kansas, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Chadwick of West Main street, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. G. Wallace and daughter, Miss Gertrude, of Port Allegany, returned to their home Saturday evening after a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Gorton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Emig, Paul McAllister and Miss McLaughlin of Colegrove were among the many to witness "Madame Sherry" at the Lyceum Monday evening.

The Misses Vera and Edna Freeman left Monday for Philadelphia. Miss Vera will resume her studies in Drexel Institute, and Miss Edna will enter Beechwood seminary for a course in kindergarten training.

McKEAN COUNTY FAIR BREAKS NEARLY EVEN.

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The Educational Department.

The McKean County Fair association in their premium list for the Educational Department, have provided for a complete, varied and interesting exhibit of the work of the schools and teachers of the county.

The entries this year, unlike those of other departments, were not quite so numerous as heretofore. Herbariums, chemistry note books, essays, etc., were conspicuous by their absence. However there was a most interesting exhibit of drawing and penmanship from the various schools, also one essay, subject "The Grange as a factor in the Agricultural Development of the Community."

The exhibit of drawings made by the pupils of the Kane borough schools occupied all the wall space of one booth. There were specimens of exquisite color-work among them. They were beautifully mounted and well deserved the first premium awarded by the judges.

Smethport, being the one other entry of town school drawings, received the second premium, the samples exhibited being very creditable.

The award for the best exhibit of drawings by country schools went to the Greendale school Wetmore township, Miss Jennie Murphy, teacher. This was the only entry in this class. Miss Murphy is also to be congratulated upon the fact that the premium for best penmanship in the county went to one of her pupils, Ruth Johnson, as well as the second best, which was awarded to Ellen Port. An engraved certificate will be presented to these pupils by the Fair association. For the past two years the scholars of the county have been studying the Palmer muscular movement system for writing. A glance at the specimen pages of Ruth and Ellen with their beautiful, even chirography without flourishes and legible as print shows what may be accomplished under this system.

Following is a list of the pupils considered by the judges to have entered the best specimens of penmanship in each school:

SMETHPORT.

1st grade: Evelyn Garrison.
2nd grade: Ruth Summersgill.
3rd grade: Lyle Barrett.
4th grade: (a) Ray Iddings (b) Myrtle Oakley.
5th grade: Harriet Jones.
6th grade: Marguerite Cooper.
7th grade: Astrid Johnson.
8th grade: Alene Engstrom.

PORT ALLEGANY.

1st grade: Margaret Boland.
2nd grade: James Miller.
3rd grade: Georgia Paul.
4th grade: Joan Lemaire.
5th grade: Bertha Nelson.
7th grade: Namomi Jacklin.
8th grade: Ethel McGile.

TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS.

Norwich, Crosby Grammer, Mildred Wilcox.

Norwich, Crosby Intermediate, Kermit Winslow.

Eldred, 6th Grade, Lillian Dolan.

Sergeant, 8th grade, Amend, Edith Johnson.

Liberty, Coleman, Francis Schoonover.

Liberty, Lower Portage, Eva Brundage.

Keating, Ormsby Grammar, Mildred Woodring.

Keating, Lower Cole Creek, Nellie Tyler.

Annin, Ceres, Elizabeth McFadden.

Hamilton, Wetmore, Cecil Jerman.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending September 28th, 1912:

Dunlap, Mr. Ellis.
McGarvey, Mr. Polk.
Reese, Dr. J. G.
Jasx, Anna (foreign).

Persons calling for these letters please say "Advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.

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Then walk away on a straight line 0.31 miles, turn around and look back. The ring would be invisible, and it would require the keenest eye to see the post, if indeed any could see it.

Get a good telescope and you might just see the ring against the sky on a white background, but the diamond would be invisible.

Come up here, get the sixteen inch telescope, try it, and the diamond sphere could not be seen. Go get a forty or sixty inch telescope, still the diamond would not come into view.

Then get a 3,000,000 candle power electric arc searchlight and by means of a big lens concentrate the light on the diamond. Then a much smaller telescope would reveal it.

Go to the giant star sun, Sirius, the dog star. Take a very large telescope with you, turn around and look back this way.

Then the orbit of the earth, a ring 186,000,000 miles in diameter, would appear to be as three inches in diameter viewed from 0.31 miles, and the sun as the one seventy-first of an inch in diameter.—Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

HE DIDN'T LIKE WHIGS.

And He Had No Use For Portraits of Henry Clay.

In Daviess county, Ky., at the time when Henry Clay was running for the presidency against General Jackson, there lived a plain, industrious farmer. He was an ardent politician, noted for his hostility to Clay and his party. But his interest in politics did not make him indifferent to his wife's happiness. While in town one day he thought he would surprise the good woman by presenting her with a set of new dishes. He selected an attractive pattern, and as he was in a hurry did not examine the dishes closely, but had them packed and placed in his wagon.

His wife was delighted with the gift, but no slight examination satisfied her feminine curiosity. In turning over a dish she discovered on the under side a portrait of Henry Clay. Every piece was thus marked. To tease her husband she asked him the cause of his "sudden change of politics."

"Change of politics!" shouted the husband, as excited as if he had been charged with a crime. "What do you mean?"

Thereupon she showed him the portrait on the china. As if he were ridding himself of a noxious thing, the farmer gathered up every dish and, carrying them to the door, broke them into fragments on the stone steps. He purchased another set of dishes in a few days, but not until he had made sure that there was no Whig politician's portrait on them.—Youth's Companion.

Graft in Turkey.

In the days when M. Paul Cambon represented the interests of the French republic at Constantinople Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, who had been touring in eastern Europe, was desirous of giving a dramatic representation at Yildiz kiosk. The sultan was willing and the terms were duly arranged with the keeper of the wardrobe, the worthy pasha who has the control of all entertainments at Yildiz. But the pasha held out his hand for more backsheesh than La Belle Sarah felt inclined to give and so the long looked for representation did not take place. Sarah Bernhardt lost by it £1,000 and the coveted order of the chefekat. Herr mann, the conjurer, knowing the ropes better than the French actress, squared the keeper of the wardrobe, gave his show and got his thousand pounds.

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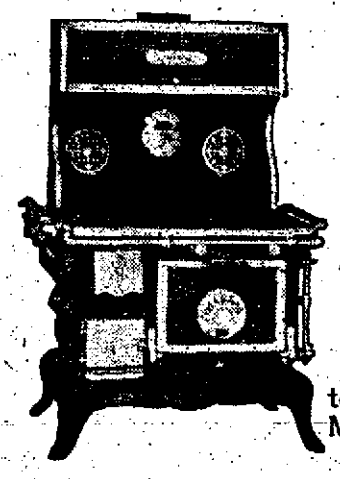

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